



ALASKA

Each state has different requirements for getting a civil domestic violence protection order. Because it makes protection orders difficult for teens to obtain, Alaska's grade for protecting teen victims of domestic and dating violence is a C.

Do I Qualify for a Protection Order in Alaska?

Type of Relationship

In order to qualify for a protection order, the abuser must be someone:

- You are dating or used to date¹
- You have or used to have a sexual relationship with²
- You live with or used to live with³
- You have a child with⁴
- You are married to or used to be married to⁵
- In your immediate family⁶
- In your extended family (to the 4th degree)⁷

Type of Abuse⁸

A judge may issue you a protection order when your abuser has:

- Physically abused you
- Attempted to physically abuse you
- Sexually abused you
- Threatened to abuse you
- Harassed you
- Stalked you

Age

If you are 18 years or older, you can obtain a protection order on your own without adult supervision. If you are under 18, you will need a parent, guardian or other adult appointed by the court to file for you.⁹

How Do I Get a Protection Order?

If you qualify for a protection order, you can get an emergency protection order from the police at any time. These emergency orders last for seventy-two hours.¹⁰ Whether or not you have an emergency order, the next step is to go to court to request a temporary protection order. The temporary order lasts for twenty days.¹¹ Then within ten days of granting the temporary order, a judge will conduct a full hearing. At the hearing, a judge may grant you a permanent protection order, which will last up to one year.¹²

What Can I Ask for in a Protection Order?

You may ask the court for the following in a protection order:

- Abuser must stay away from your home, school, workplace, places you frequent often, minor children and household members¹³
- Abuser must not contact, harass, annoy, threaten, stalk, or communicate with you¹⁴
- Temporary child custody and visitation¹⁵
- Temporary child and spousal support¹⁶
- Compensation for damages caused by the abuser like medical expenses, counseling, shelter, and damaged property¹⁷
- Use of the residence and personal property¹⁸
- Abuser must surrender any firearms¹⁹
- Counseling at abuser's expense²⁰
- Attorney's fees and court costs²¹

How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.²²

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free from violence and free from fear.

¹ Alaska Stat. § 18.66.990(5)(C), (D) (2006).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* § 18.66.990(5)(B).

⁴ *Id.* § 18.66.990(5)(G).

⁵ *Id.* § 18.66.990(5)(A).

⁶ *Id.* § 18.66.990(5)(F), (H).

⁷ *Id.* § 18.66.990(5)(E), (F).

⁸ *Id.* § 18.66.990.

⁹ *Id.* § 18.66.100(a).

¹⁰ *Id.* § 18.66.110(b).

¹¹ *Id.* § 18.66.110(a).

¹² *Id.* § 18.66.110(b)(2).

¹³ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(4).

¹⁴ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(1), (2).

¹⁵ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(9).

¹⁶ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(12).

¹⁷ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(13).

¹⁸ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(3), (10).

¹⁹ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(6), (7).

²⁰ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(13), (15).

²¹ *Id.* § 18.66.100(c)(14).

²² *Id.* § 18.66.150(d).

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