



# MICHIGAN

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

## Do I Qualify for a Protection Order in Michigan?

### Type of Relationship

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

- You are dating or used to date<sup>1</sup>
- You are living with or used to live with<sup>2</sup>
- You are married to or used to be married to<sup>3</sup>
- You have a child with<sup>4</sup>

### Type of Abuse

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

- Physically abused you<sup>5</sup>
- Threatened to physically abuse you<sup>6</sup>
- Attempted to physically abuse you<sup>7</sup>
- Sexually abused you<sup>8</sup>
- Harassed you<sup>9</sup>

### Age

If you are 18 or older, you can get a protection order on your own without an adult's permission.<sup>10</sup> If you are under 18, you must have an adult (acting as your "next friend") file for you.<sup>11</sup>

## How Do I Get a Protection Order?

If you qualify for a protection order, you can go to court to file for a temporary protection order. The judge can give you a temporary order that day and will schedule a time for you to come back to court for a full hearing. After the hearing, a judge can grant you a permanent protection order that is renewable.<sup>12</sup>

## 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 you and your home, school, work, other places you often go and any place you are currently in<sup>13</sup>
- Abuser must not contact, harass batter, annoy, threaten, or otherwise communicate with you<sup>14</sup>
- Temporary and/or exclusive use of property<sup>15</sup>
- Abuser must stay away<sup>16</sup>
- Child custody and visitation<sup>17</sup>
- Abuser must not use and must surrender all firearm(s)<sup>18</sup>

## How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mich. Comp. Laws. Serv. § 600.2950(30(a)(2007).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* § 600.2950(1).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* §§ 400.1501(d)(i), 600.2950.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* §§ 400.1501(d)(ii), 600.2950.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* §§ 400.1501(d)(iii), 600.2950.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* §§ 400.1501 (i), (iv); 600.2950

<sup>10</sup> MCR § 3.702(6).

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* § 3.703(F)(2).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* § 3.707(B)(1).

<sup>13</sup> Mich. Comp. Laws. Serv. § 600.2950(1)(a).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* § 600.2950(1).

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* § 600.2950(1)(a).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* § 600.2950(1)(g).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* §600.2950(1)(d).

<sup>18</sup> *Id.* § 600.2950(2).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.* § 600.2950b.

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