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Break the Cycle

Empowering Youth to End
Domestic Violence

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

Do I Qualify for a Protection Order in Nevada?

Type of Relationship

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

- You are dating or used to date¹
- You are living with or used to live with²
- You have a child with³
- You are married to or used to be married to⁴
- You are related to by blood or marriage⁵

Type of Abuse⁶

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

- Physically abused you
- Attempted to physically abuse you
- Threatened to physically abuse you
- Sexually abused you
- Harassed you
- Stalked you
- Unlawfully held you against your will
- Criminally damaged your property

Age

If you are 18 years or older, you can get a protection order yourself, without an adult's permission. If you are under 18, you will need a parent or guardian to file for you.⁷

How Do I Get a Protection Order?

If you want a protection order, you can go to court to file for a temporary order. A judge can give you the temporary order that day and will schedule a full hearing within 45 days of your request for protection.⁸ After the hearing, a judge can give you a permanent protection order which lasts 1 year.⁹

What Can I Ask for in a Protection Order?

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

- Your abuser must stay away from your home, school, work, day care or other places you frequent¹⁰
- Abuser must not harass, threaten, or communicate with you or your minor child directly or indirectly¹¹
- Temporary visitation¹²
- Child and spousal support (including rent or mortgage payments)¹³
- Abuser must surrender any firearms¹⁴
- Attorneys' fees and court costs¹⁵

How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.¹⁶

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free from violence and free from fear.

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- ¹ Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §33.018(1), (2) (2007).
² *Id.* §33.018(1).
³ *Id.* §33.018(1).
⁴ *Id.* §33.018(1).
⁵ *Id.* §33.018(1).
⁶ *Id.* §33.018.
⁷ *Id.* §33.400(1).
⁸ *Id.* §33.420(3).
⁹ *Id.*
¹⁰ *Id.* §§33.030(1)(c), (4); 33.400(3)(a).
¹¹ *Id.* §33.030(1)(a), (1)(e).
¹² *Id.* §33.030(2).
¹³ *Id.*
¹⁴ *Id.* §33.030(2)(1)(A)-(B). See 2007 Nev. ALS 318,9)
¹⁵ *Id.* §33.030(2)(b)(4).
¹⁶ *Id.* §33.050(1).

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