



ARIZONA

Each state has different requirements for getting a civil domestic violence protection order. Because it severely impedes teen victims' access to domestic violence protective orders, Arizona's grade for protecting teen victims of dating and domestic violence is an F.

Do I Qualify for an Order of Protection in Arizona?

Type of Relationship

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

- You are living with or used to live with¹
- You have a child with or are pregnant by²
- You are married to or used to be married to³
- Who is your grandparent, parent, sibling, child or grandchild by blood, marriage or court order⁴

Type of Abuse⁵

A judge is allowed to give you an order of protection when your abuser has:

- Physically abused you
- Attempted to physically abuse you
- Threatened to physically abuse you
- Sexually abused you
- Endangered you
- Stalked, harassed or intimidated you
- Unlawfully held you against your will
- Damaged your property
- Used the telephone to terrify, intimidate, harass, or annoy you

Age

If you are 18 years or older, you can obtain an order of protection on your own without adult supervision. If you are under 18, you will need a parent, legal guardian, or person with legal custody to file for you.⁶ Under Arizona law, you cannot get an order of protection *against* a minor 12 years or younger.⁷

How Do I Get an Order of Protection?

If you qualify for a protective order, you can get an emergency protective order from the police at any time. These emergency orders last until the end of the next day the court is open.⁸ Whether or not you have an emergency order, the next step is to go to court to request an order of protection. You may have to have a hearing before the judge will make the order. Final orders of protection can last up to one year from the date you serve it to the abuser.⁹ An order of protection can also protect others that you specify.¹⁰

What Can I Ask for in an Order of Protection?

You may ask the court for the following in an order of protection:

- Abuser must not contact you¹¹
- Abuser must stay away from your school, work, home, or other designated places¹²
- Use of the residence¹³
- Information on counseling options¹⁴
- Abuser cannot use or have a firearm¹⁵

How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.¹⁶

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- ¹ Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 13-3601(A)(1) (2007).
² *Id.* § 13-3601(A)(2), (3).
³ *Id.* § 13-3601(A)(1).
⁴ *Id.* § 13-3601(A)(4), (5).
⁵ *Id.* § 13-3601(A).
⁶ *Id.* § 13-3602(A).
⁷ *Id.* § 13-3602(B).
⁸ *Id.* § 13-3624.
⁹ *Id.* § 13-3602(K).
¹⁰ *Id.* § 13-3602(G)(4).
¹¹ *Id.* § 13-3602(G)(3).
¹² *Id.*
¹³ *Id.* § 13-3602(G)(2), (3).
¹⁴ *Id.* §§13-3601(I), 3602(D).
¹⁵ *Id.* §§13-3601(C), (D), (E), (F); 3602(G)(4).
¹⁶ *Id.* § 13-3602(D), (I).

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