



MICHIGAN

Each state has different requirements for getting a civil domestic violence protection order. Because it makes protective 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 date¹
- You are married to or used to be married to³
- You are living with or used to live with²
- You have a child with⁴

Type of Abuse

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

- Physically abused you⁵
- Sexually abused you⁸
- Threatened to physically abuse you⁶
- Harassed you⁹
- Attempted to physically abuse you⁷

Age

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

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.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 you and your home, school, work, other places you often go and any place you are currently in¹³
- Temporary and/or exclusive use of property¹⁵
- Abuser must not contact, harass, batter, annoy, threaten, or otherwise communicate with you¹⁴
- Abuser must stay away¹⁶
- Child custody and visitation¹⁷
- Abuser must not use and must surrender all firearm(s)¹⁸

How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.¹⁹

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free from violence and free from fear.

¹ Mich. Comp. Laws. Serv. § 600.2950(30(a)(2007).

² *Id.* § 600.2950(1).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.* §§ 400.1501(d)(i), 600.2950.

⁶ *Id.* §§ 400.1501(d)(ii), 600.2950.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.* §§ 400.1501(d)(iii), 600.2950.

⁹ *Id.* §§ 400.1501 (i), (iv); 600.2950

¹⁰ MCR § 3.702(6).

¹¹ *Id.* § 3.703(F)(2).

¹² *Id.* § 3.707(B)(1).

¹³ Mich. Comp. Laws. Serv. § 600.2950(1)(a).

¹⁴ *Id.* § 600.2950(1).

¹⁵ *Id.* § 600.2950(1)(a).

¹⁶ *Id.* § 600.2950(1)(g).

¹⁷ *Id.* §600.2950(1)(d).

¹⁸ *Id.* § 600.2950(2).

¹⁹ *Id.* § 600.2950b.

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