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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, Ohio's grade for protecting teen victims of dating and domestic violence is an F.

Do I Qualify for a Protection Order in Ohio?

Type of Relationship

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

- You live with or have lived with in the last 5 years¹
- You have a child with²
- You are married to or used to be married to³
- Who is your parent or your child⁴
- Who you are related to by blood or marriage and you live with or used to live with⁵

Type of Abuse⁶

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

- Physically abused you
- Attempted to physically abuse you
- Threatened to physically abuse you
- Stalked you
- Recklessly endangered you

Age

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

How Do I Get a Protection Order?

If you want to obtain a protection order, you can go to court to file for a temporary protection order. A judge can give you a temporary order that day and will schedule a full hearing within 7 to 10 days.⁸ After the hearing, a judge can grant you a permanent protection order which lasts 5 years and is renewable.⁹

What Can I Ask for in a Protection Order?

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

- Abuser must not abuse you or your family or household members¹⁰
- Abuser must stay away from your home, school, and work¹¹
- Temporary child custody and visitation¹²
- Temporary and/or exclusive use of the property or provide alternate housing¹³
- Child and spousal support¹⁴
- Counseling¹⁵

How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.¹⁶

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¹ Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §3113.31(A)(4) (2007).

² *Id.* §3113.31(A)(3)(b).

³ *Id.* §3113.31(A)(3)(a)(i).

⁴ *Id.* §3113.31(A)(3)(a)(ii).

⁵ *Id.* §3113.31(A)(3)(a).

⁶ *Id.* §§3113.31(A)(1), 2903.211, 2911.211.

⁷ *Id.* §3113.31(C).

⁸ *Id.* §3113.31(D)(2)(a).

⁹ *Id.* §3113.31(E)(3)(a), (c).

¹⁰ *Id.* §3113.31(E)(1)(a).

¹¹ *Id.* §3113.31(E)(1)(g).

¹² *Id.* §3113.31(E)(1)(d).

¹³ *Id.* §3113.31(E)(1)(b), (c).

¹⁴ *Id.* §3113.31(E)(1)(e).

¹⁵ *Id.* §3113.31(E)(1)(f).

¹⁶ *Id.* §3113.31(J).

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