



# ARIZONA

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

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

### Type of Relationship

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

- You are living with or used to live with<sup>1</sup>
- You have a child with or are pregnant by<sup>2</sup>
- You are married to or used to be married to<sup>3</sup>
- Who is your grandparent, parent, sibling, child or grandchild by blood, marriage or court order<sup>4</sup>

### Type of Abuse<sup>5</sup>

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

- Physically abused you
- Attempted to physically abuse you
- Threatened to physically abuse you
- Sexually abused you
- Endangered you
- Trespassed on your property
- 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 a protection order 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.<sup>6</sup> Under Arizona law, you cannot get a protection order *against* a minor 12 years or younger.<sup>7</sup>

## How Do I Get a Protection Order?

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

## What Can I Ask for in a Protection Order?

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

- Abuser must not contact you<sup>11</sup>
- Abuser must stay away from your school, work, home, or other designated places<sup>12</sup>
- Use of the residence<sup>13</sup>
- Information on counseling options<sup>14</sup>
- Abuser cannot use or have a firearm<sup>15</sup>

## How Much Will It Cost?

It is free.<sup>16</sup>

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

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