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State Law Report Card

Kansas

A protection order is a FREE court order that can protect you from an abusive dating partner. This order can prevent your current or ex-partner from:

- Threatening or abusing you or your family
- Coming to your home or work
- Possessing a gun

The order may also require your current or ex-partner to:

- Move out of your home
- Agree to a custody and visitation schedule, if you have children
- Give you use of shared personal property
- Pay you child support or spousal support
- Participate in counseling or a batterer's intervention program
- Pay your attorney's fees
- Do anything else the court finds is necessary for your protection

A protection order can be changed if things in your life change (for example, if you transfer to a new school or get a new job).

You can get a protection order against someone who:

- You are/were dating, living with or married to OR
- You have a child with OR
- You are related to by blood or marriage

The law requires you to show that your current or ex-partner:

- Threatened to, attempted to or actually physically abused you OR
- Sexually abused you

Other types of abuse may also qualify you for a protection order.

If you are under 18 years old, a parent or adult residing with you may go to court with you to file for a protection order on your behalf.

Kansas law does not say at what age you can file for a protection order on your own behalf. If you are able to file on your own behalf, the law does not say whether the court has to notify your parent/guardian if you receive a protection order.

This is the law in your state only. The law is different in every state.

What other laws do you need to know about?

All teens can consent to:

- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections*
- Medical care for their child(ren)

*If you are a minor, a doctor may tell your parents.

Some minors can consent to birth control services and medical care during pregnancy.

If you are a minor, your parent will be notified if you have an abortion and you must talk to a lawyer if you want to put your child up for adoption.

What are schools doing about dating violence?

Kansas law does not include information about dating violence in schools.

How can Kansas improve its response to teen dating violence?

- Allow all minors to file for protection orders without parental involvement.
- Allow courts to issue protection orders to persons who have been stalked or harassed by a dating partner, and minors over 16 years old who have been sexually abused.

Break the Cycle

Empowering Youth to End Domestic Violence

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse in their relationship go to www.thesafespace.org