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## State Law Report Card



## Michigan

**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
- Contacting or coming near you or your family
- Coming to your school, 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

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, age 10 and older, 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 OR
- Stalked or harassed you

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

**If you are under 18 years old, someone 18 years old or older must go to court with you to file for a protection order on your behalf. Michigan law does not say whether the court has to notify your parent/guardian if you receive a protection order. If you are filing a petition for a protection order against someone who is under 18 years old, you must do so in juvenile court.**

**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 HIV and sexually transmitted infections\*
- Medical care during pregnancy\*
- Medical care for their child(ren)

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

Some minors may consent to birth control services. If you are a minor, you must have your parent's consent to have an abortion or put a child up for adoption.

### What are schools doing about dating violence?

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

### How can Michigan improve its response to teen dating violence?

- Allow all minors to file for protection orders without parental involvement.
- Add to what the court can order a current or ex-partner to do.
- Allow all minors to access health services without parental involvement.
- Require schools to include dating violence education in health classes in all middle schools and high schools.



Empowering Youth to End Domestic Violence

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse in their relationship go to [www.thesafespace.org](http://www.thesafespace.org)