

# 2010

## State Law Report Card



## Ohio

**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
- Give you use of shared personal property
- Pay you child support or spousal support
- Participate in counseling or a batterer's intervention program
- 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 living with or married to OR
- You have a child with OR
- You are related to by blood or marriage

The law does not allow you to get a protection order against someone you are or were dating.

**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.

**Ohio law does not say at what age you may file for a protection order on your own behalf, who may file for you if you are unable to file on your own behalf or 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 HIV and sexually transmitted infections\*
- Adoption

\*HIV testing only. You must have your parent's consent to get HIV treatment.

If you are a minor, you must have your parent's consent to have an abortion.

### What are schools doing about dating violence?

Ohio has a new law that requires schools to teach students in grades 7 – 12 about dating violence starting on March 29, 2010.

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

- Allow people in dating relationships to file for protection orders.
- Allow all minors to file for protection orders without parental involvement.
- Allow courts to issue protection orders against minor abusers.
- Allow all minors to access health services without parental involvement.



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)