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State Law Report Card



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Oklahoma

A protection order is a FREE court order that can protect you from an abusive dating partner. In Oklahoma the law allows a court to issue you a protection order that requires your current or ex-partner to participate in counseling or a batterer's intervention program. A court may also include any other remedies that it finds are 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 13 years old or older who:

- You are/were dating, living with, or married to 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 16 years old, an adult household member must go to court with you to file a petition for a protection order on your behalf. If you are older, you can go and file on your own. If you 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. 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
- Adoption if you are 14 or older
- 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 and they will be notified.

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What are schools doing about dating violence?

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

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How can Oklahoma improve its response to teen dating violence?

- Allow all minors to file for protection orders without parental involvement.
- Require all protection order cases for minors to be in the same court as for adult domestic violence victims.
- Require schools to include dating violence education in health classes in all middle schools and high schools.

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