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| Alabama ALA. CODE § 30-5-7 (2004) DURATION: One year. ALA. CODE § 30-5-7(e)(1) (2004) | Actual or attempted assault, SA, s. abuse, stalking, retraining against will, criminal coercion, harassment, reckless endangerment, child abuse, kidnapping, menacing, theft, trespass between family/ household members; anything else that can be punished as crime toward protected class. ALA. CODE § 30-5-2(a)(1) (2004) | Victim of DV who has eligible relationship with abuser; a minor or physically/ mentally incapacitated person (by any adult relative, household member, guardian or custodian). ALA. CODE § 30-5-2(a)(5) (2004) | Spouse, former spouse, common law spouse, parent, child, father of child, current/former household member. ALA. CODE § 30-5-2(a)(4) (2004) | Yes, but depends on judge | No/No | Yes | Yes/ Unclear | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Alaska ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.100 (1996) DURATION: One year-- but, provision prohibiting your abuser from threatening to commit or committing acts of DV, stalking or harassment against you is effective indefinitely, unless ct says otherwise. ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.100(b) (1996) | Assault, stalking, harassment, terroristic threatening, interference with a report of DV, arson or criminal mischief, kidnapping, custodial interference, sexual offenses, burglary and criminal trespass, robbery, extortion and coercion, violating a protective order, murder. ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.990(3) (1996) | Household member of abuser; parent/ guardian can request CPO on behalf of child under 18 (abuser must have committed a crime of DV against child; must have household relationship between child and abuser). ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.100(a) (1996) | Household member = adults or minors who are current or former spouses, currently or formerly lived together, currently or formerly dated, had or have sexual relationship, related, related/formerly related by marriage, have a child together, minor child of a person in relationship described. ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.990(5) (1996) | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/ Unclear | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Arizona ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-3602 (2000) DURATION: One year from service on abuser. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-3602(K) (2000) | Physical assault, threatening words or conduct, intimidation, harassment by phone or in person, stalking, endangerment, unlawful imprisonment, kidnapping, criminal trespass, criminal damage, disobeying a court order, custodial interference, abuse to a vulnerable adult or child, certain crimes against children, and/or disorderly conduct (fighting, reckless displays of a dangerous instrument, abusive language). ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-3601(A) (2000) | Minor can obtain CPO if lives in the same household as abuser and related to abuser by blood to a former spouse of abuser (ex-stepdad) or related to the person who lives (ed) with abuser (your mother's live-in boyfriend). ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-3602 (2000) | Blood relative, spouse or former spouse, current in laws (not former), lived or formerly lived in the same household, have a child with abuser, related to abuser or abuser's spouse by court order. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 13-3601(A) (2000) | Yes, but only if victim lives/lived with same sex partner | No/No | No | No/No | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Unclear |
| Arkansas ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-15-201 (WEST 2005) DURATION: 90 days - 2 years. ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-15-205(b) (WEST 2005) | Actual or attempted or threatened: physical harm, bodily injury, assault, fear that harm/injury will happen, assault between family/ household members, sexual (criminal) between family/household members. ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-15-103(2) (WEST 2005) | Victim of DV who has eligible relationship with abuser; minor can get CPO filed by adult family/household member, DV shelter worker or organization (minor can get CPO if they are residing in household where DV occurred, doesn't necessarily have to be a direct victim of abuse. ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-15-201(d) (WEST 2005) | Spouse or former spouse, parent/child, any blood related person, any child in household, person you have a child with, person you live(d) with, person you dated. ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-15-103(3) (WEST 2005) | Unclear | Unclear/ Yes, but relationship must be romantic/ intimate, NOT just casual or ordinary | Yes | Yes/Yes | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Yes |

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| California CAL. FAM. CODE § 6300-6306 (WEST 2006) DURATION: Can last up to 5 years, can renew for another 5 years or request to last permanently. CAL. FAM. CODE § 6345(c) (WEST 2006) | Actual or threatened: physical injuries, sexual assault, attacking, striking or battering; molesting; harassing; stalking; harassing or stalking phone calls, destroying prop., disturb peace, includes physical, sexual, verbal, written abuse. CAL. FAM. CODE § 6203 (WEST 2006) | Victim of DV and her children under 18 that live with her; minors age 12 or older can file for CPO alone. CAL. FAM. CODE § 6211 (WEST 2006) | Spouse or former spouse, lived together or formerly lived together (as more than roommates), dated or formerly dated, mother/father of your child, related by blood, marriage or adoption. CAL. FAM. CODE § 6211 (WEST 2006) | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unclear |
| Colorado COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-14-102 (WEST 2006) DURATION: Can be permanent or shorter. COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-14-102(1.5) (WEST 2006) | Violence or threat of violence against you (and children under 18). COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-14-101 (WEST 2006) | Victim of DV; parent can file on behalf of minor child. COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-14-101(2) (WEST 2006) | Relative or former relative by blood or marriage, lives or lived) with you, intimate relationship, father/mother of child, current or former partner, current or former housemate. COLO. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-14-101(2) (WEST 2006) | Yes, but up to the judge one has | Unclear/ Yes, with whom the actor is involved or has been involved in an intimate relationship | Yes, but only lasts 120 days or less | Unclear/Un clear | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Unclear |
| Connecticut CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46B-15 (2006) DURATION: Six months, can be extended by motion of applicant for more time. CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46B-15(c) (2006) | Continuous threat of present physical pain or physical injury. CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46B-15(a) (2006) | Anyone who has been subjected to a continuous threat of present physical pain or physical injury by another family/household member or a current or former dating partner. CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46B-15(a) (2006) | Spouse or former spouse, parent of your child, your parent, your child, relative by blood or marriage (over age 16), lived together or used to, date(d), household member, live-in caretaker for someone >60. CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46B-38(a) (2006) | Yes, permissible under legal definition, but ultimately up to judge | Yes, if 16 years or older and live(d) together; for under 16, unclear whether CPO available against dating partner if not live together/ Yes | Yes | Unclear/ Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear | Unclear |

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| Delaware DEL. CODE ANN. TIT. 10, § 1045 (2006) DURATION: Can last up to one year; can be extended for six extra months after another hearing. DEL. CODE ANN. TIT. 10, § 1045(b) (2006) | <i>As of 9/18/07:</i> Intentionally or recklessly: causing or attempting to cause physical injury or a sexual offense; placing or attempting to place another in reasonable apprehension of physical injury or sexual offense to such person or another; damaging, destroying or taking the tangible property of another person; Engaging in a course of alarming or distressing conduct in a manner which is likely to cause fear or emotional distress or to provoke a violent or disorderly response; Trespassing; Child abuse; Unlawful imprisonment, kidnapping, interference with custody and coercion; or Any other conduct which a reasonable person under the circumstances would find threatening or harmful. DEL. CODE ANN. TIT. 10, § 1041 (2006) | Victim of domestic violence that falls into one of the required relationships. DEL. CODE ANN. TIT. 10, § 1041(2) (2006) | Spouse, former spouse, persons cohabitating together who are holding themselves out as a couple, with or without a child in common, persons living separate and apart with a child in common, persons in a current or former substantive dating relationship, relatives that live together, certain family members (parents, in-laws, children, children-in-law, sibling, siblings-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, stepparents and stepchildren. DEL. CODE ANN. TIT. 10, § 1041(2) (2006) | Yes | Not explicitly stated, but yes by legislative intent/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Abuser can be ordered to pay certain costs | Yes |

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| District of Columbia D.C. CODE § 16-1003 (2006) DURATION: Up to one year, but upon motion by any party, court can extend, rescind or modify. D.C. CODE § 16-1005(d) (2006) | Physical abuse, threats to injure and stalking. D.C. CODE § 16-1031 (2006) | Victim of DV that falls into one of the required relationships (petitioner must live in DC or at least one incident must have happened in DC). D.C. CODE § 16-1001(1) (2006) | Person who is related by blood, adoption or marriage; you have a child in common; share(d) same home; have or had dating relationship (No need for a sexual relationship.) D.C. CODE § 16-1001(5) (2006) | Statute is silent | Statute is silent/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Florida FLA. STAT. ANN. § 741.28 (WEST 2006) DURATION: Judge decides duration case by case; if injunction has No expiration date, it stays valid until judge modifies or dissolves. FLA. STAT. ANN. § 784.046(4)(b)(10)(c) (WEST 2006) | Any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member. FLA. STAT. ANN. § 741.28(2) (WEST 2006) | Victim of domestic violence or person who believes is in imminent danger of becoming a DV victim and fulfills relationship requirement. FLA. STAT. ANN. § 784.046(4)(b)(3)(c) (WEST 2006) | Spouse, former spouse, person related to you by blood or marriage, person who live(d) with you as if they were part of the family, mother/father of your child. FLA. STAT. ANN. § 741.28(3) (WEST 2006) | Statute is silent | Statute is silent/ Yes, a separate petition for injunction against dating violence | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Yes |

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| Georgia GA. CODE ANN. § 19-13-1 (WEST 2006) DURATION: One year; after hearing, upon motion of petitioner, court can grant a three year CPO or a permanent CPO. GA. CODE ANN. § 19-13-4(c) (WEST 2006) | "Family violence" includes rape, hitting/kicking/ pushing/slapping, stalking, criminal damage to property, restraint against your will, criminal trespass, unwanted touching, forcing you to take part in sexual acts against your will, threats of violence, other felonies. GA. CODE ANN. § 19-13-1 (WEST 2006) | Victim of family violence, or victim's child under 18 (minor can have CPO filed on her behalf by someone over age 18). GA. CODE ANN. § 19-13-3(a) (WEST 2006) | Spouse, former spouse, parent/step parent or foster parent, child/step child/foster child, anyone you live with or formerly lived with (for example, boyfriend, girlfriend of a family member, roommate), mother or father of your child (a CPO can be filed against a minor). GA. CODE ANN. § 19-13-1 (WEST 2006) | Statute is silent | No/No (But see Stalking Act, GA. CODE ANN. §16-5-90) | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Unclear (See GA. CODE. ANN. §19-13-4(a)) |
| Hawaii HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-3 (2004) DURATION: A fixed reasonable period as the court deems appropriate. HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-5.5(a) (2004) | "Domestic abuse" includes occurrence of one or more of acts of physical harm, bodily injury, assault, the threat of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, extreme psychological abuse, malicious property damage between family/household members. HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-1(1) (2004) | Victims of domestic abuse (victim can get CPO for her minor child). HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-3(b)(1) (2004) | Spouse or former spouse, current or former reciprocal beneficiary (couple who is ineligible to marry but signs and official declaration of intent to enter into a relationship with each other), someone you live with or formerly lived with, blood relative, someone you are (or were) related to by marriage, someone with whom you have a child, current or previous dating relationship, current or former same sex partner. HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-1(2) (2004) | Yes | Unclear/ Yes, need not be sexual or intimate, but needs to be more than casual acquaintanceship | Yes | Unclear/ Unclear | Unclear | Yes | Unclear | Yes |

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| Idaho IDAHO CODE ANN. § 39-6304 (2004) DURATION: Three months, but judges can extend to 1 year periods. IDAHO CODE ANN. § 39-6306(5) (2004) | Physical abuse, sexual abuse, forced imprisonment, threatening to commit any of these acts. IDAHO CODE ANN. § 39-6303(1) (2004) | Victim of DV by household member, family, or person she's dating; minor child DV victim who is in or had a dating relationship. IDAHO CODE ANN. § 39-6303(1) (2004) | Spouse, former spouse, person related to by blood, adoption or marriage, person who resides(ed) with victim, father/mother of victim's child. IDAHO CODE ANN. §§ 39-6303(3) AND (6) (2004) | Statue is silent, but in legislative history, states that law is intended for opposite sex couples | Yes/Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes | | |
| Illinois 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. § 60/201 (2005) DURATION: Two years and can be renewed. 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. § 60/220(b) (2005) | Physical abuse, harassment, intimidation of a dependent, interference with personal liberty or willful deprivation but does not include reasonable direction of a minor by a parent or person in loco parentis. 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. § 60/201(a) (2005) | Person who has been abused by a family or household member or by any person on behalf of a minor child or an adult who has been abused by a family or household member and who because of age, health, disability, or inaccessibility cannot file the petition or by any person on behalf of a high risk adult with disabilities who has been abused, neglected or exploited by a family or household member. 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. § 60/103(13) (2005) | Former or current spouse, parents, step children and persons related by blood or present or prior marriage, persons currently or formerly sharing a common dwelling, persons who have or allegedly have a child together, persons who share or allegedly share a blood relationship through a child, persons who have or had a dating or engagement relationship, persons with disabilities and their personal assistance, and caregivers. 750 ILL. COMP. STAT. § 60/103(6) (2005) | Yes | Yes, by implication/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Indiana IND. CODE ANN. § 34-26-5-2 (2006) DURATION: Two years and can be extended. IND. CODE ANN. § 34-26-5-9(e) (2006) | Attempting to cause, threatening to cause, or causing physical harm to another family or household member, placing another in fear of serious physical harm, causing a family or household member to involuntarily engage in sexual activity by force, threat of force or duress. IND. CODE ANN. § 34-26-5-2(a) (2006) | Victim of abuse, parent, guardian or another representative on behalf of a child. IND. CODE ANN. §§ 34-26-5-2(a) AND (b) (2006) | Former or current spouse, current of former person residing in an intimate relationship, persons with a child together, are relatives by blood or adoption, persons who have dated or are currently dating and/or in a sexual relationship, present or former relative by marriage, guardian, ward, custodian, foster parent. IND. CODE ANN. § 34-26-5-3(a)(2)(c) (2006) | Unclear | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Iowa IOWA CODE § 236.2 (2005) DURATION: One year. IOWA CODE § 236.5(2) (2005) | Assault, unwanted sexual activity, threatening to or causing physical injury, pointing or firing a gun. IOWA CODE § 236.2(2) (2005) | Victim of abuse, parent or guardian on behalf of an unemancipated minor. IOWA CODE §§ 236.2(4) AND (5A) (2005) | Spouses current or former, persons who are cohabiting, parents or person related by blood or marriage but not children under 18 years, persons who reside or resided together, persons who have a child together even if they never married or lived together at any time, persons who have been family or household members residing together within the past one year and are not residing together at the time of the assault, persons who are or have been in an intimate relationship within the past year of the assault. § 236.2(4) | Unclear | No/ Yes, must be or have been in an intimate relationship and have had contact within the past year of the assault | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| Kansas KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3102 (2005) DURATION: Up to one year. Upon motion by Petitioner, can be extended to one more year. KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3107(e)(2005) | Intentionally attempting to cause bodily injury, or intentionally or recklessly causing bodily injury, intentionally placing, by physical threat, another in fear of imminent bodily injury, engaging with a minor under 16 years of age and who is not a spouse in sexual intercourse or any lewd fondling or touching meant to arouse sexual desires in either or both the minor and abuser. KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3102(a) (2005) | Victim of abuse, parent or adult residing with a minor on behalf of the minor. KAN. STAT. ANN. §§ 60-3104(a) AND (b) (2005) | Persons who are or have been in a dating relationship, persons who reside together or formerly resided together, or person who have a child in common. KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3102(b) (2005) | Yes, if residing or formerly resided together | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No, but can award costs and attorney's fees | Yes |
| Kentucky KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 403.725 (WEST 2005) DURATION: Three years. KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 403.750(2) (WEST 2005) | Physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury or serious physical injury, sexual abuse or assault between family members or members of an unmarried couple. KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 403.720(1) (WEST 2005) | Victim of abuse, children of an unmarried couple. KY. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 403.720(2) AND (3) (WEST 2005) | Former or current spouse, parent, child, step child or any person related to the other by blood or marriage in the second degree, person with a child in common, persons currently or formerly living together. KY. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 403.720(2) AND (3) (WEST 2005) | Yes, but judges do not always rule consistently | No/No | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Louisiana LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2134 (2006) DURATION: Eighteen months. LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2136(F) (2006) | Includes but is not limited to physical or sexual abuse, any offense against the person as defined in the Criminal Code of Louisiana (including stalking). LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2132(3) (2006) | Victim of abuse, parent or adult on behalf of a child or person who is incompetent, District Attorney on behalf of a minor child or incompetent adult. LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2133(c) (2006) | Former or current spouses, step/foster/parents, step/foster/children. People of the opposite sex presently or formerly living together as spouses whether married or not, current or former dating partner. §46:2132(4) | Yes – see LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2151 (2006) | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Maine ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 19-A, § 4002 (2006) DURATION: Two years. ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 19-A, § 4007(2) (2006) | Attempting to cause or causing bodily injury or offensive physical contact, including sexual assaults, attempting to place or placing another in fear of bodily injury through any course of conduct , including but not limited to threatening , harassing or tormenting behavior, compelling a person by force, threat of force or intimidation to engage in conduct from which the person has a right to abstain or engage in, restricting someone's movements, threatening a crime of violence that places the person in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed , repeatedly and without reasonable cause , following a person or being at or in the vicinity of the persons' home, school, business, or place of employment. ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 19-A, § 4002(1) (2006) | Victim of abuse, person responsible for a minor on behalf of the minor, representative of the department. ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 19-A, § 4005(1) (2006) | Current or former spouse, individuals who are living or have lived together as spouses, natural parents of the same child, adults members related by blood or marriage, adult household member against minor child of a household member, individuals presently or formerly living together, individuals who are or were sexual partners. ME. REV. STAT. ANN. TIT. 19-A, § 4002(4) (2006) | Yes, if living or lived together or if current or former sexual partners | Yes, if individuals are or were sexual partners/ Yes, but can only get CPO against current or former sexual partner | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Maryland Md. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW § 4-504 (WEST 2006) DURATION: One year unless otherwise stated. MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW §§ 4-506(a)(2)(iii) (WEST 2006) | An act that causes serious bodily harm, places a person eligible for relief in fear of imminent serious bodily harm, assault in any degree, rape or sexual offence , attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree, false imprisonment. MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW § 4-501(b)(1) (WEST 2006) | Victim of abuse, State Attorney for the County where a minor or a vulnerable adult victim lives on their behalf, department of social welfare on behalf of a minor or vulnerable adult, person related by blood, marriage or adoption to minor or vulnerable witness and an adult residing in the same home as minor or vulnerable adult. MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW §§ 4-501(l) and (m) (WEST 2006) | Current or former spouse, cohabitant, persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, persons who have resided or are residing with each other for a period of at least 90 days before filing of petition, persons with a child together, persons residing or resided together in the same home for a period of at least 90 days within the year before the filing of the petition and have/had a sexual relationship. MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW §§ 4-501(l) and (m) (WEST 2006) | Yes, if had a sexual relationship and lives or lived) together for a period of at least 90 days within one year before filing of the petition | No/ No (a peace order is available for dating relationships, which doesn't provide as much protection as CPO) | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Massachusetts MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 209A, § 1 (2006) DURATION: One year. Can be extended for any additional time reasonably necessary to protect the plaintiff or to enter a permanent order. MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 209A, § 3(c)(2006) | Attempting to cause or causing physical harm, placing another in fear of imminent serous physical harm, causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress. MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 209A, § 1 (2006) | Victim of abuse by a minor or adult family or household member. MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 209A, § 1 (2006) | Former or current spouses, person residing together in the same household, persons who were or are related by blood or marriage, person having a child in common regardless of whether ever married or lived together, persons adjudged by probate or Boston municipal court to be or have been in a substantial dating or engagement relationship. MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 209A, § 1 (2006) | Yes, if living or have lived together in the same household | Yes, if adjudged by probate or Boston municipal court to be or have been in a substantial dating relationship /Yes (same conditions) | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Michigan MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 600.2950 (WEST 2006) DURATION: Not less than 182 days. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 600.2950(13) (WEST 2006) | Entering into premises, assault, attack, beating, molesting, wounding, threatening to kill or physically injure a named individual, unlawful removal of children from the person having custody, purchasing or possessing a firearm, interference with freedom , putting someone in fear of physical harm. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 600.2950(1) (WEST 2006) | Victim of abuse, parent on behalf of a minor if both are experiencing abuse. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 600.2950(1) (WEST 2006) | Former or current spouse, person with whom the victim has a child in common, former or current dating partner, former or current housemates. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 600.2950(1) (WEST 2006) | Yes, if residing or resided in the same household | Yes, current or former dating partner/ Yes, current or former dating partner | No | No/No | Not if the abuser is not the spouse of the victim, or has a property interest in the premises Not if the victim, parent, guardian, custodia n of a minor petitioner has no property interest in the premises | Yes | No | No |

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| Minnesota MINN. STAT. ANN. § 518B.01 (WEST 2006) DURATION: One year (however, the court may extend beyond one year). MINN. STAT. ANN. § 518B.01, subd. (a)(12)(b) (WEST 2006) | Physical harm, bodily injury or assault, infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, terrorist threats, criminal sexual conduct or interference with an emergency call. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 518B.01, subd. (2)(a) (WEST 2006) | Any family or household member personally, family or household member, a guardian a reputable adult aged 25 or older on behalf of a minor. A minor aged 16 and above against a former or current spouse, or a person with whom the minor has a child in common if the court determines that the minor has sufficient maturity and judgment and that it is in the minor's best interest. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 518B.01, subd. (4)(a) (WEST 2006) | Any one of the following; current or former spouse, parents and children, persons related by blood, persons currently or formerly residing together , persons who have a child together regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time, a man and a women if the women is pregnant and the man is alleged to be the father regardless of whether or not they have been married or have lived together at any time, persons in involved din a significant romantic or sexual relationship. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 518B.01, subd. (2)(b) (WEST 2006) | Yes, MINN. STAT. ANN. § 518B.01, subd. (2) (b)(4) and (7) (WEST 2006) | Yes/ Yes, if persons are involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship --casual dating partners are not eligible. MINN. STAT. ANN. 518B.01, subd. 2(b)(7) | Yes, temporary order | Yes/Yes, but both are temporary orders | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Mississippi MISS.CODE ANN. § 93-21-7 (2006) DURATION: Three years. MISS.CODE ANN. § 93-21-17(2) (2006) | Occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members who reside together or who formerly resided together or between current dating partners: attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury or serious bodily injury with or without a deadly weapon, placing by physical menace or threat, | A victim of abuse, a parent, adult household member, next friend of abused person on behalf of a minor child or any person alleged to be incompetent. MISS.CODE ANN. § 93-21-3(e) (2006) | Any one of the following: current or former spouse, persons living as spouses, parent and children, persons related by blood or marriage and adoption, current or dating partner. MISS.CODE ANN. § 93-21-3(e) (2006) | Yes, against current or former same sex partner but its up to an individual judge | Yes, should be current dating partner/ Yes, should be current dating partner | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Unclear | Yes | Yes |

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| | another person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury or criminal sexual conduct against a minor. MISS.CODE ANN. § 93-21-3(a) (2006) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Missouri MO. ANN. STAT. § 455.010 (WEST 2006) | Actual acts, attempts or threats of the following; assault, battery, coercion, harassment-following someone in a public place or places, peering in the window or lingering outside the residence of another, sexual assault, unlawful imprisonment. MO. ANN. STAT. § 455.010(1) (WEST 2006) | Any adult victim who has been abused by another adult current or former family or household member, any adult victim of stalking by another adult. MO. ANN. STAT. § 455.020(1) (WEST 2006) | Any one of the following persons: current or former spouses, adults related by blood or marriage, adults presently residing together or have resided together in the past, adults in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, adults who have a child together regardless of whether married or resided together at any time. MO. ANN. STAT. § 455.010(5) (WEST 2006) | Yes, by implication | No/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Montana MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-102 (2005) DURATION: For a specific period or permanently. MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-202 (2005) | Assault, aggravated assault, intimidation, partner or family member assault, criminal endangerment, negligent endangerment, assault on a minor, assault with a weapon, unlawful restraint . Kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, arson. MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-102(1) (2005) | Victim of stalking, incest, sexual assault, sexual intercourse without consent regardless of the individuals relationship to the offender, partner or family member of a victim of homicide or deliberate mitigated homicide: victim, parent, guardian ad litem or other representative on | Any one of the following persons: parents , children, brothers, sisters , past and present family members related by adoption, marriage, remarriage, step children, stepparents, in-laws, adoptive parents and children regardless of age and whether or not they are staying in the same household, | No | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| | | behalf of a minor. MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-102(2) (2005) | former or current spouses, persons who have a child in common, persons who have been or are currently in a dating or ongoing relationship with a person of the opposite sex. MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-102(2) (2005) | | | | | | | | |
| Nebraska NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-903 (2005) DURATION: One year. NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-924(3) (2005) | Occurrence of one or more of the following acts between household members: attempting to cause , or intentionally and knowingly causing bodily injury with or without a dangerous instrument, placing by physical menace, another person in fear of imminent bodily injury or engaging in sexual contact or sexual penetration without consent. NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-903 (1) (2005) | Victim of domestic violence. NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-903(3) (2005) | Any one of the following persons; current or former spouse, children, persons current or formerly residing together, persons who have a child together whether or not they have been married or have lived together at any time, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are or have dated. NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-903(3) (2005) | Yes, NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-903(3) (2005) | Yes/Yes | Yes, up to 90 days | No/No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| Nevada NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 33.018 (2005) DURATION: One year. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 33.080(3) (2005) | Battery, assault, compelling another person by force or threat of force to perform an act from which he/she has a right to refrain or to refrain from an act which he/she has a right to perform, harassment which shall include but not limited to : stalking, arson, trespassing, larceny, destruction of private property, carrying a concealed weapon; false imprisonment, unlawful or forcible entry into another's residence if there is reasonable foreseeable harm. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 33.018(1) (2005) | Victim of abuse, parent or guardian on behalf of a child or an elderly person or anyone who is unable to file themselves because of disability or hospitalization. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 33.018(1) (2005) | Former or current spouse, persons related by blood or marriage, persons formerly or currently residing together, persons currently or formerly dating, persons who have a child in common, child. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 33.018(1) (2005) | Yes, if currently or formerly resided together | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| New Hampshire N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §173-B:1 (2006) DURATION: One year, but extensions may be set for up to five years. N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §173-B:5(VI) (2006) | Domestic violence occurs when a family or household member, current or former sexual intimate partner does or attempts to do any of the following to the victim: assault, reckless conduct, criminal threat, sexual assault, interference with freedom, destruction of property, unauthorized entry, harassment. N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §173-B:1(I) (2006) | Victim of abuse, a minor on his/her own. N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 173-B:1(X) (2006) | Current or former spouse, current or former co-habitants, parents and other persons who are related by blood or affinity, intimate partners whether current or former and despite relationship never being sexually consummated. N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 173-B:1(I) and (X) (2006) | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No, N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §173-B:5(I) (a)(2006) |

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| New Jersey N.J. STAT. ANN. §2C:25-18 (WEST 2006) DURATION: Indefinite unless a judge puts a time limit to it. N.J. STAT. ANN. §§ 2C:25-29(b) and (d) (WEST 2006) | Perpetration of one or more of the following by an adult or emancipated minor on the victim: homicide, assault, terroristic threats, kidnapping, criminal restraint, false imprisonment, sexual assault, criminal sexual contact, lewdness, criminal mischief, burglary, criminal trespass, harassment, stalking. N.J. STAT. ANN. §2C:25-19(3)(a) (WEST 2006) | Victim of domestic violence, teenagers if the abuser is at least 18 years old. N.J. STAT. ANN. §2C:25-19(3)(d) (WEST 2006) | Current or former spouse, current or former household member(in both instances victim should be above 18 or an emancipated minor), person with a child with the other party or anticipate having a child if one of the parties is pregnant (regardless of age), person in a dating relationship with another regardless of age. N.J. STAT. ANN. §2C:25-19(3)(a) (WEST 2006) | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| New Mexico N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-3 (2006) DURATION: Up to six months if it involves custody or support. Victim of abuse. N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-6(B) (2006) | Any incident by a household member against the other which results in physical harm, severe emotional stress, bodily injury or assault, threat causing imminent fear of bodily injury by any household member, criminal trespass, criminal damage to property, repeatedly driving by a residence or work place, telephone harassment, stalking , harassment, harm or threatened harm to children in all the manner as set above. N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-2(C) (2006) | Victim of abuse. N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-2(D) (2006) | Current or former spouse, family member including a relative, parent, current or former stepparent, current or former in-law, child or persons who have a child together regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time, persons who have had a continuing personal relationship. Co-habitation is not necessary to be deemed a household member. Victim of abuse. N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-2(D) (2006) | Yes | Yes, person with whom the petitioner has had a continuing personal relationship is a household member/ Yes | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| New York N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 842 (GOULD 2006) DURATION: Up to five years but usually granted for up to 1-2 years. N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 842 (GOULD 2006). | Assault, attempted assault by a respondent on his/her current or former spouse, parent, child or other member of the same family or household or engaged in disorderly conduct, harassment, stalking, menacing or reckless endangerment toward any such person. N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 812(1) (GOULD 2006). | Any person related to the alleged abuser by blood or marriage (current or former spouse), [812(1)] or who has a child in common with the alleged abuser (regardless of whether such persons have been married or have lived together at any time) [812(1)], a duly authorized agency, association, society or institution on behalf of the victim, a peace officer or a police officer on behalf of the victim. [822(b) and (c)] N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 812-822 (GOULD 2006). | A person related to the victim by blood or affinity, current or former spouse, person who has a child with the victim regardless whether they have been married or lived together at any time. N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 812(1) (GOULD 2006). | Yes, if they have a legally adopted child in common. N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 812(1) (GOULD 2006). | No/No | Yes | Yes/No | No | Yes | Yes, medical care and treatment | Yes |
| North Carolina N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B -1 (2005) DURATION: Two years. N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B -3(b) (2005) | Occurs when the victim has had a personal relationship with does any of the following to the victim or the victim's minor child: attempts to cause bodily injury, intentionally causes bodily injury, places the victim in fear of imminent serious bodily injury, harassment which is continuous and gives rise to substantial emotional distress, rape or a sexual offense. N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B -1(a) (2005) | Victim of abuse, parents can file for their children aged below 18 years if they reside together or if they have the child in their custody. N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B -1(b) (2005) | Any one of the following: current or former spouse, persons of the opposite sex who have or are living together, parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren over the age of 16 , persons who have a child together, current or former household member, opposite sex person who are or have dated. N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B -1(b) (2005) | Yes, if current or former household member but judges do not always rule consistently | Age not specified but by implication teens covered/ Yes | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| North Dakota N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-02 (2005) DURATION: Up to the Judge. N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-02(4) (2005) | Physical harm, bodily injury, sexual activity compelled by physical force, assault or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury , sexual activity compelled by physical force, or assault , not committed in self defense, on the complaining family or household members. N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-01(2) (2005) | Any family or household member or by any other person if the court determines that the relationship between that person and the alleged abuser is sufficient to warrant the issuance of a domestic violence protection order. N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-01(4) (2005) | Current or former spouse, family member, parent, child, persons related by blood or marriage, persons in a dating relationship ,persons who are or have resided together, persons who have a child regardless of whether they are married or have stayed together at any time, any other person with a sufficient relationship to the abuser as determined by the court. N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-01(4) (2005) | Yes | Yes, but not specified/ Yes | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No - N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-02 (2005) |
| Ohio OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3113.31 (WEST 2006) Five years. OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3113.31(E)(3) (a) (WEST 2006) | Attempting to cause or recklessly causing bodily injury, placing another person by the threat of force in fear of imminent serious physical harm, committing an act with respect to a child that would result in the child being abused. OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3113.31(A)(1) (WEST 2006) | Victim of abuse, a parent or adult household member on behalf of any other family or household member. OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3113.31(A)(3) and (4) (WEST 2006) | Any of the following who are or have resided together; former or current spouse, parent or step parent, child or step child, persons related by blood or marriage; persons who have resided together for the last five years , persons with a child together even if they never lived together. OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §§ 3113.31(A)(3) and (4) (WEST 2006) | Yes | No/No | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| Oklahoma OKLA. STAT. TIT. 22, § 60.2 (2003) DURATION: Three years unless extended, modified, vacated or rescinded by the court. OKLA. STAT. TIT. 22, § 60.11(3) (2003) | Any act of physical harm, or the threat of imminent physical harm committed by an adult , emancipated minor or minor child (13 years) of age or older against another adult, emancipated minor or minor child who are family or household members or who are or where in a dating relationship. OKLA. STAT. TIT. 22, § 60.1(1) (2003) | Victim of domestic abuse, an adult or emancipated minor household member on behalf of any other family or household member who is a minor or incompetent. A minor aged 16 or 17 can file for a protection order themselves. OKLA. STAT. TIT. 22, § 60.1(4) (2003) | Former or current spouse, current spouses of ex spouses, parents including grandparents, step parents, adoptive parents and foster parents, children including grandchildren, stepchildren, adopted children and foster children, persons otherwise related by blood or marriage, persons living or who lived in the same household , persons with a child together regardless of marital status or whether they have lived together at any time and this includes the elderly and handicapped, current or former dating partners. OKLA. STAT. TIT. 22, § 60.1(4) (2005) | Yes, if currently living or have lived together in the same household. However not all judges rule the same | Yes, if aged 13 and above/Yes | No | No/No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| Oregon OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 107.705 (WEST 2005) DURATION: One year. OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 107.716(5) (WEST 2005) Can be renewed for an additional year upon a finding that Petitioner would reasonably fear abuse by Respondent if order is not renewed. OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 107.725 (WEST 2005) | The occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members: attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury, intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury and causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force. OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 107.705(1) (WEST 2005) | Victim of domestic abuse within the last 180 days. If victim is a minor, the abuser should be over 18 and is a current or former spouse or someone with whom the victim has been in a sexually intimate relationship. OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 107.705(3) (WEST 2005) | Current or former spouse, adult related by blood, marriage or adoption to the abuser, current or former cohabitant, persons in an intimate sexual relationship within the past two years preceding date of application for a CPO, persons who have a child together but are not married to each other. OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 107.705(3) (WEST 2005) | The law does not specifically require that you and the abuser be members of the opposite sex. | Unclear/ Yes, but only against a person with whom you have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship within the last two years | Yes, temporary | No/No | Yes, but if victim is sole or part owner of the home or is married to the abuser | Yes | No, but court can order respondent to give petitioner emergency monetary assistance | Yes |
| Pennsylvania 23 PA. STAT. ANN. § 6102 (2004) DURATION: Three years. 23 PA. STAT. ANN. § 6108(d) (2006) | Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing (with or without a weapon): bodily injury, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault or incest, placing another in reasonable fear of imminent serious bodily injury, false imprisonment, physically or sexually abusing minor children, knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including following the person, | An adult or emancipated minor who is a victim of abuse. A parent, adult household member or guardian ad litem on behalf of a minor child. 23 PA. STAT. ANN. § 6102 (2004) | Current or former spouse, persons who are living or have lived together as spouses, parents and children, family member related by blood or marriage, current or former sexual or intimate partner, persons who have a child together. 23 PA. STAT. ANN. § 6102 (2004) | Not clear but perhaps if current or former intimate or sexual partner | No/ Yes, but only for current or former sexual or intimate partners | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| | without proper authority under circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear of bodily injury. 23 PA. STAT. ANN. § 6102 (2004) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rhode Island R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-3 (2005) DURATION: Three years. R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-3(i) (2005) | Domestic abuse is when someone who is or was a family member, cohabitant , or someone you date or used to date does any of the following: attempts to cause or causes physical harm, induces fear of imminent serious physical harm, inducing involuntary engagement in sexual relations by force, threat of force , or duress. R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-1(3) (2005) | Victim of domestic violence, teen victim of dating violence in the Family Court if accompanied by parent/legal guardian. R.I. GEN. LAWS § 12-29-2 | Any one of these persons: current or former spouse, parent or step parent, minor children, step children, persons related by blood or marriage, step children and step parents, persons who have a child together even if never married to each other, dating partners within the past 12 months if other party is a minor, current or former cohabitants within the last three years, dating partners within the last one year. R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-5(b) (2005) | Yes, if have lived together within the past three years but Judge has discretion | Yes, if dated within the last 12 months, and accompanied to court by parent/Yes | Yes | Yes/No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| South Carolina S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-40 (2005) DURATION: Not less than six months and not more than one year. S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-70 (2005) | Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, threat of physical harm, any sexual offences committed against a family or household member. S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-20(a) (2005) | Any household member in need of protection or household member on behalf of a minor child. S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-20(b) (2005) | Spouse or former spouse, person who has a child with the other party, male and female who are or have cohabited previously. S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-20(b) (2005) | No | No/No | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| South Dakota S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25 -10-3 (2006) DURATION: The court fixes period which may not exceed three years. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25 -10-1(3) (2006) | Physical harm, bodily injury, attempts to cause physical harm or bodily injury, infliction of fear of imminent physical harm or bodily injury between family or household members. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25 -10-1(1) (2006) | Victim of abuse against any family or household member. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25 -10-1(2) (2006) | Former or current spouse, persons related by blood, adoption or law, persons who live or have lived together in the same household, persons who have a child together regardless of whether married to each other or not. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25 -10-1(2) (2006) | Possible if living or lived together in same household but judges do not always rule consistently | No/No | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Tennessee TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-605 (2006) DURATION: One year. TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-605(b). Can be modified to up to 5 years if Respondent violates order. Can be modified to up to 10 years for a second or subsequent violation. TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-605(d)(2006) If order of protection ordered by court, and Petitioner or Respondent files for divorce, Order of Protection is valid until court modifies or dissolves order TENN. CODE ANN. 36-3-603(a) (2006) | Inflicting or attempting to inflict physical injury on an adult or minor intentionally, placing an adult or minor in fear of physical harm, physical restraint or malicious damage to the personal property of the abused party. TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-601(1) (2006) | Any victim of domestic abuse at the hands of an adult. TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-601(11) (2006) | Current or former adult or minor spouses, adults or minors who live or have lived together, adult or minors who are or have dated, adults or minors related by blood or adoption, adult or minors who are or were related by marriage , adult or minor children in a relationship described by any of the above mentioned. TENN. CODE ANN. § 36 -3-601(11) (2006) | Yes, if living or have lived together | Yes/Yes | Yes, temporary | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| <p>Texas TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 82.004 (VERNON 2006)</p> <p>DURATION: Valid for the time specified in the order up to a maximum of two years. If No time is specified, it expires on the second anniversary of the date the order was issued. TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 85.025 (VERNON 2006)</p> | <p>an act intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault or sexual assault , threat that reasonably places member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault , sexual assault but does not include any action taken in self defense, abuse and dating violence. TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 71.0021-004 (VERNON 2006)</p> | <p>A prosecuting attorney or Department of protective and regulatory services on behalf of a victim of abuse, an adult member of the family of household for a protective order for family violence committed against a member of the family or household, an adult in a dating relationship for a protective order for dating violence, an adult to protect a child from family violence. TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 82.002 (VERNON 2006)</p> | <p>Any one of the following: current or former spouse, sibling (brother or sister), blood relative, relative by marriage, person who has a child with the victim, current or former roommate, foster parent, foster child, person who the abuser has dated or is currently dating, anyone who sexually assaults the victim. TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 71.0021-004 (VERNON 2006)</p> | <p>Yes, if former or current roommates</p> | <p>Yes/Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes, for a period up to two years/Yes, for a period of up to two years</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>No</p> | <p>Yes</p> |
| <p>Utah UTAH CODE ANN. § 30-6-4 (WEST 2006)</p> <p>DURATION: Civil order subject to review within a period of 150 days from date of issue. Court may set date which is beyond 150 days. UTAH CODE ANN. § 30-6-4 (b)(v) (WEST 2006)</p> | <p>Intentionally or knowingly causing or attempting to cause a cohabitant physical harm or intentionally or knowingly placing a cohabitant in reasonable fear of imminent harm. UTAH CODE ANN. § 30-6-1 (WEST 2006)</p> | <p>Victim or likely victim of abuse or domestic violence. UTAH CODE ANN. § 30-6-2(1) (WEST 2006)</p> | <p>A person who is 16 years or older and who is or was a spouse of the other party, is or was living as if spouse of the other party, is related by blood or marriage to the other party, has one or more children in common with the other party, is the biological parent of the other party's unborn child, has resided or is still residing in the same residence as the other party. UTAH CODE ANN. § 30-6-2(2) (WEST 2006)</p> | <p>Yes, if they lived or still live together. It will be up to the judge to decide</p> | <p>No/No</p> | <p>Yes, temporary</p> | <p>Yes/Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

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| Vermont VT. STAT. ANN. TIT. 15, § 1101(5) (2005) DURATION: Court fixes the time period. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT. 15, § 1103(d) (2005) | The occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members: attempting to cause or causing physical harm, placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm, child abuse. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT. 15, § 1101(1) (2005) | Any family or household member who is a victim of abuse by another family or household member. Can apply on his/her own behalf or on behalf of his/her children provided they are victims of abuse by a family or household member. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT. 15, § 1101(1) (2005) | Any one of the following persons: persons who have or are currently living together, are sharing or have shared occupancy of a dwelling, are or have been involved in a sexual relationship, minors or adults who are dating or have dated. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT. 15, § 1101(2) (2005) | Yes, if they have lived together or dated. Judges use discretion so it is not always clear | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |
| Virginia VA. CODE ANN. § 16.1-279.1 (2006) DURATION: 2 years. VA. CODE ANN. § 16.1-253.2 (2006) | Domestic violence is referred to as Family abuse. It means any act involving violence, force or threat including but not limited to , any forceful detention, which results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury . VA. CODE ANN. § 16.1-228 (2006) | Victim of abuse. VA. CODE ANN. § 16.1-279.1 (2006) | Spouse whether or not he/she resides in the same house, former spouse, parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents/children ; mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law and sister-in-law residing at the same house with the person, person who has a child with another whether or not they have been married or resided together at any time; current cohabitants or who have cohabited within the last 12 months and any children of either cohabitant then residing in the same house with the abuser. § 16.1-228 | Not clear. An Attorney Generals' opinion several years ago stated that homo-sexuals cannot 'cohabitare' Vast majority of judges do not allow same sex CPO | No/No | Yes | Yes/Only in terms of alternative housing | Yes | Yes | Unclear | Yes |

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| Washington WASH. REV. CODE § 26.50.010 (2006) DURATION: If order includes a provision restraining the abuser from contacting minor children, it will last for one year otherwise the order may be for a fixed period or permanent. WASH. REV. CODE § 10.14.080(2) (2006) | Physical harm, bodily injury, assault or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault between family or household members, sexual assault of one family or household member by another, stalking of one family or household member by another family or household member. WASH. REV. CODE § 26.50.010 (2006) | Victim of domestic violence on his/her behalf or on behalf of a minor family or household member, victim under 18 years but over 16. WASH. REV. CODE § 26.50.010(c)(2) (2006) | Spouse or former spouse, persons who have a child together, adults related by blood or marriage, adult persons formerly residing or currently residing together, current or former dating partners aged 16 years or older who reside or have resided together in the past, persons who both are 16 years or older and are or have dated each other, persons with a biological or legal parent-child relationship including stepparents and stepchildren, grandparents and grandchildren. WASH. REV. CODE § 26.50.010 (c)(2) (2006) | Yes, by implication | Yes, if both 16 years or older/Yes | Yes, temporary | No/No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes |

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| West Virginia W. VA. CODE § 48-27-501 (2006) DURATION: 90 or 180 days at the discretion of the court. W. VA. CODE § 48-27-505 (2006) | Domestic abuse means the following acts between family or household members; attempting to cause or intentionally , knowingly or recklessly causing physical harm to another with or without dangerous or deadly weapons; placing another in reasonable apprehension pf physical harm; creating fear of physical harm by harassment, psychological abuse or threatening acts; committing either sexual assault or sexual abuse ; holding , confining, detaining or abducting another person against that person's will. W. VA. CODE § 48-27-202 (2006) | Victim of abuse, an adult family or household member for the protection of the victim or on behalf of a minor child or a physically or mentally incapacitated family or household member; a person who reports or witnesses the domestic violence and has been abused, threatened, harassed or intimidated as a result. W. VA. CODE § 48-27-305 (2006) | Former or current spouses, sexual or intimate partners, dating partners; persons who live together or used to live together in the same household; persons having a child together; parent, stepparent, sibling, half-sibling, step-sibling, father in law or mother in law, stepfather in law or step mother in law, child or stepchild, daughter in law or son in law, step daughter in law or step son in law, grandparent, step grandparent, step grand aunt, aunt, aunt in law or step aunt, uncle, uncle in law or step uncle, niece or nephew, first or second cousin. §48-27-204 | Yes, but not all Judges rule the same | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Wisconsin Wis. STAT. § 813.12(5) (2005) DURATION: Four years. Wis. STAT. § 813.125(4) (2005) | Domestic abuse is when one or more of the following occurs between family or household members or dating partners; infliction of physical pain, physical injury or illness, intentional impairment of victim's physical condition, property destruction and threat to engage in any of the mentioned acts; sexual contact or intercourse w/o consent. §813.12(1) | An adult Victim, child Victim or a parent, stepparent or legal guardian of the child. Wis. STAT. § 813.12 (2005) | Spouse, parent, child or person related by blood or adoption to another, adult caregiver, former spouse, dating partner past or current on the other, person who has a child with the victim. §813.12(1) | Not specific. Can qualify under household member | No/Yes | No | No/No | No | Yes | No | Yes |

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| Wyoming WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-103 (2005) DURATION: One year. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-106(b) (2005) | Physically abuse, threat or attempt thereof or acts which unreasonably restrain the personal liberty of any household member, placing a household member in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm or causing a household member to engage involuntarily in sexual activity by force, threat of force or duress. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-102 (2005) | A victim of domestic violence. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-102 (2005) | Any one of these persons: persons married to each other, persons living with each other as if married, persons formerly married to each other, persons formerly living with each other as if married. Parents and their adult children, adults sharing common living quarters, persons who have a child together but not living with each other and persons who are in or have had a dating relationship. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-102 (2005) | Not specific. Can qualify as adults living in same household. | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes/Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |