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SUMMARY

The Civil Protection Order Durations matrix provides a comprehensive record of the durations of all types of civil protection orders for each U.S. state and U.S. territory. The matrix is divided into three sections, broken down as follows: The first column to the left lists all fifty states and U.S. territories alphabetically. The middle column provides the state's code provision, in relevant part, for each type of protection order's duration. The bolded headers signify which type of protection order the provision is addressing. The third and final column, farthest to the right, extracts from each state code provision the time limit/duration for each type of protection order in a concise fashion. The headers signify which type of protection order it addresses. Note that this matrix is civil.

Summary

The duration of the various types of protection orders varies from state to state. However, they can roughly be divided into five categories: permanent, one-year, two-year, three-year, and those lasting longer than three years, or may have any fixed duration.

Permanent

Thirteen states and three territories have protection orders whose duration is generally permanent (i.e., until further order of the court or for the duration of the life of one or either party) (Alabama, Alaska (except some provisions), American Samoa, Colorado, Florida, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico (only 6 months if the order involves custody or support), North Dakota, Puerto Rico, Texas (sexual assault, trafficking or stalking), Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Northern Mariana Islands).

One Year

Fourteen states have protection orders lasting up to one (1) year (Arizona (harassment), Connecticut, Georgia (can be converted to permanent), Idaho (can be converted to permanent), Iowa, Maine (harassment), Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wyoming).

Two Years

Fifteen states and one territory have protection orders lasting up to two (2) years (Arizona, Delaware (permanent with aggravating factors), District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana (permanent with aggravating factors), Kansas, Louisiana (18 months), Maine, Maryland (permanent with aggravating factors), Michigan (up to 182 days), Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Texas (permanent with aggravating factors), Virgin Islands, and Virginia (permanent with certain conviction)).

Three Years

Seven states have protection orders that last up to three (3) years (Hawaii (harassment), Kansas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, and Wyoming).

Over Three Years

Ten states and one territory have protection orders that last longer than 3 years (Arkansas, California, Guam, Hawaii, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma (permanent with aggravating factors), South Dakota, and Wisconsin).

For more information about these protection orders, please visit the [Protection Order Modification and Extension Statutes matrix](#).

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Domestic Violence Final Order Protection

Any final protection order is of permanent duration unless otherwise specified or modified by a subsequent court order.

ALA. CODE § 30-5-7(d)(2)

Temporary Ex Parte Order

Any granted temporary ex parte protection order shall be effective until the final hearing date.

ALA. CODE § 30-5-6(b)

Hearing

The court shall hold a hearing after the filing of a petition under this chapter upon the request of the defendant or within 10 days of the perfection of service. If hearing is continued, court may make or extend temporary protection orders as it deems necessary.

ALA. CODE § 30-5-6(a)-(b)

Domestic Violence Final Order duration:

Permanent unless specified or modified by subsequent court order.

Temporary Ex Parte Order duration:

Effective until final hearing date.

Hearing:

To be held upon request of the defendant or within 10 days of service

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ALASKA STAT. §§

18.66.100

18.66.110

18.65.850

18.65.855

Domestic Violence Final Protective Order

The provisions of a protective order issued under: (1) (c)(1) of this section are effective until further order of the court; (c) A protective order under this section may (1) prohibit the respondent from threatening to commit or committing domestic violence, stalking, or harassment; (2) (c)(2) – (16) of this section are effective for one year unless earlier dissolved by court order.

ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.100(b)

Domestic Violence Ex Parte Protective Order

If the court finds that the petition establishes probable cause of a crime involving domestic violence, it is necessary to protect the petitioner, and the petitioner has attempted to notify the respondent, the court shall issue an ex parte protective order without notice to the respondent. An ex parte protective order may grant the protection provided by AS 18.66.100(c)(1) - (5), (8) - (12), and (16).

ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.110(a)

Final Protection Order for Stalking and Sexual Assault

If the court finds by a preponderance of evidence that the respondent has committed stalking or sexual assault against the petitioner, regardless of whether the respondent appears at the hearing, the court may order any relief available under (c) of this section. The provisions of a protective order

Final Protective Order duration:

Prohibition on threatening to commit or committing domestic violence, stalking, or harassment lasts until further order of the court; all other prohibitions last one (1) year unless earlier dissolved by the court.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Twenty (20) days, unless dissolved earlier by the court.

Protection Order for Stalking and Sexual Assault duration:

Effective for one (1) year unless dissolved by the court. The petitioner may request an extension within thirty (30) days before or sixty (60) days after the expiration of the protective order. The extension granted is effective for one (1) year unless dissolved by the court.

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issued under this section are effective for (1) one year unless earlier dissolved by the court.

ALASKA STAT. § 18.65.850(b)

Ex parte protective orders for stalking and sexual assault

If the court finds probable cause that stalking or sexual assault has occurred, that the petitioner requires further protection, and that the petitioner has certified efforts to notify the respondent, the court shall issue an ex parte protective order without notice to the respondent. The protective order may grant the protections specified in AS 18.65.850(c).

ALASKA STAT. § 18.65.855(a)

Emergency Protective Order

An emergency protective order expires 72 hours after it is issued unless dissolved earlier by the court at the request of the petitioner.

ALASKA STAT. § 18.66.110(b)

Ex parte protective order for stalking and sexual assault duration:

Twenty (20) days, unless dissolved earlier by the court

Emergency Protective Order duration:

Seventy-two (72) Hours.

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ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. §§

13-3602

13-3624

12-1809

Domestic Violence Order of Protection

An order of protection that is not served on the defendant within one year after the date that the order is issued expires. An order is effective on the defendant on service of a copy of the order and petition. An order expires two years after service on the defendant. A modified order is effective on service and expires two years after service of the initial order and petition.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-3602(N)

Domestic Violence Emergency Orders of Protection

An emergency order of protection expires seven calendar days after issuance, unless otherwise continued by the court.

ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 13-3624(E)

Injunction Against Harassment

An injunction that is not served on the defendant within one year after the date that the injunction is issued expires. The injunction is effective on the defendant on service of a copy of the injunction and petition and expires one year after service on the defendant. A modified injunction is effective on service and expires one year after service of the initial injunction and petition

ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 12-1809(J)

Domestic Violence Order of protection duration:

If the order of protection is not served, it lasts one (1) year. If served, it lasts two (2) years.

Domestic Violence Emergency Order of Protection Duration:

Seven (7) calendar days after issuance unless otherwise continued by court.

Injunction against harassment duration:

One (1) year.

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<div>ARKANSAS</div> <div>ARK. CODE. ANN. §§</div> <div>9-15-205</div> <div>9-15-206</div>	<div>Order of Protection:</div> <div>Any relief granted by the court for protection under the provisions of this chapter shall be for a fixed period of time not less than ninety (90) days nor more than ten (10) years in duration, in the discretion of the court, and may be renewed at a subsequent hearing upon proof and a finding by the court that the threat of domestic abuse still exists.</div> <div>ARK. CODE. ANN. § 9-15-205(b)</div> <div>Ex Parte Temporary Order:</div> <div>An ex parte temporary order of protection is effective until the date of the hearing described in § 9-15-204.</div> <div>ARK. CODE. ANN. § 9-15-206(c)</div>	<div>Duration of relief:</div> <div>No less than ninety (90) days, no more than ten (10) years.</div> <div>Ex Parte Temporary order duration:</div> <div>Effective until hearing.</div>

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CAL. FAM. CODE §§

6345

6340

6256

CAL. CIV. PROC. CODE §

527.6

CAL. WELF. & INST. CODE §

15657.03

Restraining Order

(a) In the discretion of the court, the personal conduct, stay-away, and residence exclusion orders contained in a court order issued after notice and a hearing under this article may have a duration of not more than five years, subject to termination or modification by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party. These orders may be renewed, upon the request of a party, either for five or more years, or permanently, at the discretion of the court, without a showing of further abuse since the issuance of the original order. Renewals and subsequent renewals shall be subject to termination, modification, or subsequent renewal by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party. The request for renewal may be brought at any time within the three months before the expiration of the orders.

CAL. FAM. CODE § 6345(a)

If the court makes any order for custody, visitation, or support, that order shall survive the termination of any protective order.

CAL. FAM. CODE § 6340(a)(1)

Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the duration of any orders, other than the protective orders described in subdivision (a), that are also contained in a court order issued after notice and hearing under this article, including but not limited to, orders for

Restraining Order duration:

Five (5) years, order can be made permanent upon motion. If no expiration date is listed, three (3) years is the default. Order for custody, visitation, or support, that order shall survive the termination of any protective order.

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custody, visitation, support, and disposition of property, shall be governed by the law relating to those specific subjects.

CAL. FAM. CODE § 6345(b)

Injunction Against Harassment

(f) A temporary restraining order issued under this section shall remain in effect, at the court's discretion, for a period not to exceed 21 days, or, if the court extends the time for hearing under subdivision (g), not to exceed 25 days, unless otherwise modified or terminated by the court.

(j)(1) In the discretion of the court, an order issued after notice and hearing under this section may have a duration of no more than five years, subject to termination or modification by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party.

CAL. CIV. PROC. CODE § 527.6(f), (j)(1)

Emergency Protective Order

An emergency protective order expires at the earlier of the following times:

- (a) The close of judicial business on the fifth court day following the day of its issuance.
- (b) The seventh calendar day following the day of its issuance.

CAL. FAM. CODE § 6256

Elder Abuse Restraining Order

(1) In the discretion of the court, an order issued after notice and a hearing under this section may have a duration of not more than five years, subject

Injunction Against Harassment duration:

Temporary - Not to exceed twenty-one (21) days, or if time is extended, not to exceed twenty-five (25) days.

Final order - Five (5) years

Emergency Protective Order duration:

The close of judicial business on the fifth (5th) court day, or the seventh (7th) calendar day after issuance, whichever is earlier.

Elder Abuse Restraining Order duration:

Not more than 5 years

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to termination or modification by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party.

CAL. WELF. & INST. CODE § 15657.03(i)(1)

Elder Abuse Temporary Restraining Order Hearings

(f) Within 21 days, or, if good cause appears to the court, 25 days, from the date that a request for a temporary **restraining order** is granted or denied, a hearing shall be held on the petition.

CAL. WELF. & INST. CODE § 15657.03(f)

Elder Abuse Temporary Restraining Order Hearing:

Hearing shall be held within 21 days or, if good cause appears to the court, 25 days.

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COLO. REV. STAT. §§

13-14-103

13-14-106

13-14-104.5

Permanent Civil Protection Order

If upon the examination the judge or magistrate finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent has engaged in a behavior constituting grounds for the issuance of a civil protection order on the basis of sexual violence and that a risk or threat of physical harm or the threat of psychological or emotional harm exists to the petitioner, the judge or magistrate shall order the temporary civil protection order to be made permanent or enter a permanent civil protection order with provisions different from the temporary civil protection order.

COLO. REV. STAT. § 13-14-106(1)(a)

Temporary Civil Protection Order

The hearing for a permanent protection order must be set not more than fourteen days after the issuance of the temporary civil protection order and citation. If the petitioner is unable to serve the respondent in that period, the court must extend the temporary protection order previously issued, continue the permanent protection order hearing, and issue an alias citation stating the date and time to which the hearing is continued. The petitioner may thereafter request, and the court must grant, additional continuances as needed if the petitioner has still been unable to serve the respondent. If the petitioner is able show the petitioner has made reasonable efforts to serve the respondent or that the respondent is evading service.

COLO. REV. STAT. § 13-14-104.5(10)

Permanent Civil Protection Order duration:

Permanent.

Temporary Protection Order duration:

Fourteen (14) Days.

Not exceeding one (1) year after the date of the hearing

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The judge or magistrate may continue the temporary protection order for a period of not more than one year after the date when the permanent protection order hearing takes place.

COLO. REV. STAT. § 13-14-104.5(8)(b)

Emergency Protection Order

An emergency protection order issued pursuant to this subsection (1) shall expire not later than the close of judicial business on the next day of judicial business following the day of issue, unless otherwise continued by the court.

COLO. REV. STAT. § 13-14-103(1)(f)

Emergency Protection Order duration:

Close of next judicial business day.

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CONN. GEN. STAT. §§
46b-15
46b-16a

Relief from physical abuse, stalking or pattern of threatening by family or household member

No order of the court shall exceed one year, except that an order may be extended by the court upon motion of the applicant for such additional time as the court deems necessary.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-15(g)

Ex Parte Order

Upon receipt of the application the court shall order that a hearing on the application be held not later than fourteen days from the date of the order except that, if the application indicates that the respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition, and the court orders an ex parte order, the court shall order that a hearing be held on the application not later than seven days from the date on which the ex parte order is issued.

If a hearing on the application is scheduled or an ex parte order is granted and the court is closed on the scheduled hearing date, the hearing shall be held on the next day the court is open, and any such ex parte order shall remain in effect until the date of such hearing.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-15(b)

If the court issues an ex parte order pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and service has not

Protective Order duration:

One (1) Year. May be extended beyond one (1) year.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Effective until the date of hearing (generally no more than 14 days).

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been made on the respondent in conformance with subsection (h) of this section, upon request of the applicant, the court shall, based on the information contained in the original application, extend any ex parte order for an additional period not to exceed fourteen days from the originally scheduled hearing date. The clerk shall prepare a new order of hearing and notice containing the new hearing date, which shall be served upon the respondent in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-15(c)

Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault or Stalking Protection Order

No order of the court shall exceed one year, except that an order may be extended by the court upon proper motion of the applicant, provided a copy of the motion has been served by a proper officer on the respondent, no other order of protection based on the same facts and circumstances is in place and the need for protection, consistent with subsection (a) of this section, still exists.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-16a(c)

Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault or Stalking Ex Parte Protection Order

Upon receipt of the application, if the allegations set forth in the affidavit meet the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the court shall schedule a hearing not later than fourteen days from the date of the application. If a postponement of a hearing on the application is requested by either party, no ex parte order shall be continued except upon agreement of the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. If the court is closed on

Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault or Stalking Protection Order duration:

One (1) year

Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault or Stalking Ex Parte Protection Order duration:

Effective until the date of hearing (generally no more than 14 days).

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the scheduled hearing date, the hearing shall be held on the next day the court is open and any ex parte order that was issued shall remain in effect until the date of such hearing.

CONN. GEN. STAT. § 46b-16a(b)

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**DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, §
1045
1043**

Protection from Abuse Order

Relief granted under this section shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed 1 year, except that relief granted under paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section may be entered for a fixed period of time not to exceed 2 years, unless a longer period of time is ordered pursuant to subsection (c) or (f) of this section.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1045(b)

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, upon a finding that aggravating circumstances exist, the Court may grant no contact relief pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section for as long as reasonably necessary to prevent further acts of abuse or domestic violence, up to and including the entry of a permanent order of the Court. An order entered pursuant to this subsection may only be modified or amended upon motion of a party for good cause shown.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1045(f)

Note:

For purposes of this subsection, aggravating circumstances shall mean physical injury or serious physical injury to the petitioner caused by the respondent; the use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument against the petitioner by the respondent; a history of repeated violations of prior

Protection from Abuse Order duration:

No more than one (1) year in general
No more than two (2) years for a relief to (1) restrain the respondent from committing acts of domestic violence, and (2) restrain the respondent from contacting or attempting to contact the petitioner.
Can be permanent for aggravating circumstances.

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protective orders by the respondent; prior convictions for crimes against the petitioner by the respondent; the exposure of any member of the petitioner's family or household to physical injury or serious physical injury by the respondent; or any other acts of abuse which the Court believes constitute an immediate and ongoing danger to the petitioner or any member of the petitioner's family or household.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1045(f)

(a) After consideration of a petition for a protective order, the Court may grant relief in the form of any of the following:

- (1) Restrain the respondent from committing acts of domestic violence, as defined in § 1041 of this title.
- (2) Restrain the respondent from contacting or attempting to contact the petitioner.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1045(a)(1)–(2)

Ex Parte Orders and emergency hearings

An emergency protective order may be issued on an ex parte basis, that is, without notice to the respondent, where the petitioner certifies in writing the efforts, if any, which have been made to give notice to the respondent or the reasons supporting the claim that notice should not be required.

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1043(b)

(d) In any case in which an ex parte protective order has been issued, a full hearing shall be held within 15 days. The Court may extend

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Ex Parte Order Hearing:

Fifteen (15) days. Extended as needed, but not to exceed thirty

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an ex parte order as needed, but not to exceed 30 days, to effectuate service of the order or where necessary to continue protection.

(f) In those cases where the respondent is not present for the hearing, or where the hearing is held ex parte, any protective order issued shall be served immediately upon the respondent, in accordance with § 1065 of this title

DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1043(d), (f)

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**D.C. CODE §
16-1005
16-1004**

Civil Protection Order

A civil protection order issued pursuant to this section shall remain in effect for an initial period not to exceed 2 years.

D.C. CODE § 16-1005(d)

For each request for an extension, the judicial officer may extend an order for the period of time the judicial officer deems appropriate, but before granting any single extension longer than 2 years, the judicial officer shall find:

- (A) That the respondent has violated the civil protection order;
- (B) That prior to obtaining the order being extended, the petitioner had previously obtained a civil protection order or foreign protection order as that term is defined in subchapter IV against the same respondent; or
- (C) Other compelling circumstances related to the petitioner's safety or welfare.

D.C. CODE § 16-1005(d-1)(3)

Temporary Protection Order

- (1) A temporary protection order shall remain in effect for an initial period not to exceed 14 days as necessary to complete service and the hearing on the petition.
- (2) The court may extend a temporary protection order as necessary to complete service and the hearing on the petition:
 - (A) In 14-day increments;

Civil Protection Order duration:

No more than 2 years unless the judicial officer extends the order for the period of time the judicial officer deems appropriate.

Temporary Order duration:

Not to exceed 14 days, 28 days for good cause, or for longer periods with consent of both parties.

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<p>(B) In increments up to 28 days for good cause; or (C) For a longer time period with the consent of both parties.</p> <p>D.C. CODE § 16-1004(e)(1)</p> <p>Note: The court may modify or terminate a temporary protection order.</p> <p>D.C. CODE § 16-1004(f)</p>	

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FLA. STAT. §§
741.30
784.046

Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence

The terms of an injunction restraining the respondent under subparagraph (a)1. or ordering other relief for the protection of the victim under subparagraph (a)8. shall remain in effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the injunction. No specific allegations are required. Such relief may be granted in addition to other civil or criminal remedies.

FLA. STAT. § 741.30(6)(c)

Ex Parte Temporary Injunction

Any such ex parte temporary injunction shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed 15 days. A full hearing, as provided by this section, shall be set for a date no later than the date when the temporary injunction ceases to be effective. The court may grant a continuance of the hearing before or during a hearing for good cause shown by any party, which shall include a continuance to obtain service of process. Any injunction shall be extended if necessary to remain in full force and effect during any period of continuance.

FLA. STAT. § 741.30(5)(c)

Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence/ Dating Violence/Sexual Assault

The terms of the injunction shall remain in full force and effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the injunction. Such relief may be granted in addition to

Injunction duration:

Permanent.

Ex Parte Temporary Injunction duration:

Fifteen (15) Days.

Injunction duration:

Permanent.

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other civil or criminal remedies.

FLA. STAT. § 784.046(7)(c)

Repeat Violence, Sexual Violence, or Dating Violence Ex Parte Temporary Injunction

Any such ex parte temporary injunction shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed 15 days. However, an ex parte temporary injunction granted under subparagraph (2)(c)2. is effective for 15 days following the date the respondent is released from incarceration. A full hearing, as provided by this section, shall be set for a date no later than the date when the temporary injunction ceases to be effective. The court may grant a continuance of the ex parte injunction and the full hearing before or during a hearing, for good cause shown by any party.

FLA. STAT. § 784.046(6)(c)

Ex Parte Temporary Injunction duration:

Fifteen (15) Days.

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GA. CODE. ANN. §§

19-13-3

19-13-4

Protective Order

Any order granted under this Code section shall remain in effect for up to one year; provided, however, that upon the motion of a petitioner and notice to the respondent and after a hearing, the court in its discretion may convert a temporary order granted under this Code section to an order effective for not more than three years or to a permanent order.

GA. CODE. ANN. § 19-13-4(c)

Temporary Relief Ex Parte

Within ten days of the filing of the petition under this article or as soon as practical thereafter, but not later than 30 days after the filing of the petition, a hearing shall be held at which the petitioner must prove the allegations of the petition by a preponderance of the evidence as in other civil cases. In the event a hearing cannot be scheduled within the county where the case is pending within the 30-day period the same shall be scheduled and heard within any other county of that circuit. If a hearing is not held within 30 days of the filing of the petition, the petition shall stand dismissed unless the parties otherwise agree.

GA. CODE. ANN. § 19-13-3(c)

Protective Order duration:

One (1) year. Can be converted to an order effective for not more than three (3) years or to a permanent order.

Hearing:

Held within ten (10) to thirty (30) days of the filing of the petition.

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**HAW. REV. STAT. §§
605-10.5
586-5.5
586-5**

Restraining Order/Injunction from Harassment

If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that harassment as defined in paragraph (1) of that definition exists, it may enjoin for no more than three years further harassment of the petitioner, or that harassment as defined in paragraph (2) of that definition exists, it shall enjoin for no more than three years further harassment of the petitioner, including, in the case where any party is enjoined from harassing a minor, for a period extending to a date after the minor has reached eighteen years of age; provided that this subsection shall not prohibit the court from issuing other injunctions against the named parties even if the time to which the injunction applies exceeds a total of three years.

HAW. REV. STAT. § 604-10.5(g)

Temporary Harassment Restraining Order

A temporary restraining order that is granted under this section shall remain in effect at the discretion of the court for a period not to exceed ninety days from the date the order is granted including, in the case where a temporary restraining order restrains any party from harassing a minor, for a period extending to a date after the minor has reached eighteen years of age. A hearing on the petition to enjoin harassment shall be held within fifteen days after the temporary restraining order is granted. If service of the temporary restraining order has not been effected before the date of the hearing on the petition to enjoin, the court may set a new date for

Restraining Order duration:

No more than three (3) years.

Temporary Harassment Restraining Order duration:

Not to exceed ninety (90) days.

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the hearing; provided that the new date shall not exceed ninety days from the date the temporary restraining order was granted.

HAW. REV. STAT. § 604-10.5(g)

Protection Order and Extensions

If, after hearing all relevant evidence, the court finds that the respondent has failed to show cause why the order should not be continued and that a protective order is necessary to prevent domestic abuse or a recurrence of abuse, the court may order that a protective order be issued for a further fixed reasonable period as the court deems appropriate.

HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-5.5(a), (b)

Temporary Restraining Order

A temporary restraining order granted pursuant to this chapter shall remain in effect at the discretion of the court, for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days from the date the order is granted or until the effective date, as defined in section 586-5.6, of a protective order issued by the court, whichever occurs first . . .

HAW. REV. STAT. § 586-5(a)

Protection order duration:

A period as the court deems appropriate.

Restraining Order duration:

No more than three (3) years.

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IDAHO CODE ANN. §§

39-6306

39-6308

Protection Order

Any relief granted by the protection order, other than a judgment for costs, shall be for a fixed period not to exceed one (1) year; provided, that an order obtained pursuant to this chapter may, upon motion and upon good cause shown, continue for an appropriate time period as directed by the court or be made permanent if the requirements of this chapter are met, provided the order may be terminated or modified by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party and after a hearing on the motion. The motion to renew an order may be granted without a hearing, if not timely objected to by the party against whom the order was entered.

IDAHO CODE ANN. § 39-6306(5)

Ex Parte Temporary Protection Order

An ex parte temporary protection order shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed fourteen (14) days, but may be reissued.

IDAHO CODE ANN. § 39-6308(5)

Protection Order duration:

One (1) Year. Upon motion can be permanent.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Fourteen (14) days but may be reissued.

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**725 ILL. COMP. STAT.
5/112A-20
60/220
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Final Protective Orders (criminal)

A final protective order shall remain in effect if entered during pre-trial release until the disposition, withdrawal, or dismissal of the underlying charge; however, if the case is continued as an independent cause of action, the order's duration may be for a fixed period not to exceed 2 years.

725 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/112A-20(b)(1)

Civil No Contact Order (ex parte or final criminal order)

A civil no contact order shall remain in effect permanently, at the victim's request, if a judgment of conviction is entered for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, criminal sexual abuse (excluding a conviction under subsection (c) of Section 11-1.50 of the Criminal Code of 2012), or aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

725 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/112A-20(b)(6)

Stalking No Contact Order (criminal)

A stalking no contact order shall remain in effect permanently if a judgment of conviction for stalking is entered.

725 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/112A-20(b)(5)

Domestic Violence Plenary Order of Protection

(0.05) A plenary order of protection entered under this Act shall be valid for a fixed period of time, not to exceed two years.

(1) A plenary order of protection entered in conjunction with another civil proceeding shall

Final Protection Order Duration (criminal):

Effective during pre-trial release until case disposition; if continued independently, may last up to 2 years.

Civil No Contact Order Duration (criminal):

Permanent.

Stalking No Contact Order Duration (criminal):

Permanent.

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remain in effect as follows:

- (i) if entered as preliminary relief in that other proceeding, until entry of final judgment in that other proceeding;
- (ii) if incorporated into the final judgment in that other proceeding, until the order of protection is vacated or modified; or
- (iii) if incorporated in an order for involuntary commitment, until termination of both the involuntary commitment and any voluntary commitment, or for a fixed period of time not exceeding 2 years.

(2) Duration of an order of protection entered in conjunction with a criminal prosecution or delinquency petition shall remain in effect as provided in Section 112A-20 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.

750 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 60/220(b)

Domestic Violence Order of Protection: Interim Order

Interim orders shall be effective for up to 30 days.

750 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 60/220(a)(2)

Domestic Violence Order of Protection: Emergency Order

Emergency orders issued under Section 217 [750 ILCS 60/217] shall be effective for not less than 14 nor more than 21 days.

750 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 60/220(a)(1)

Civil No Contact (sexual assault) Plenary Order

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a plenary civil no contact order shall be effective for a

Domestic Violence Plenary Order of Protection Duration:

Two (2) years except if entered in conjunction with another civil or criminal proceeding.

Domestic Violence Order of Protection: Interim Order duration:

Up to 30 days

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<p>fixed period of time, not to exceed 2 years. A civil no contact order entered in conjunction with a criminal prosecution or delinquency petition shall remain in effect as provided in Section 112A-20 [725 ILCS 5/112A-20] of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.</p> <p>740 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 22/216(a)</p> <p><u>Civil No Contact (sexual assault) Emergency Orders</u></p> <p>Unless re-opened or extended or voided by entry of an order of greater duration, an emergency order shall be effective for not less than 14 nor more than 21 days.</p> <p>740 ILL. COMP. STAT. ANN. 22/216(a)</p>	<p><u>Domestic Violence Order of Protection: Emergency Order Duration:</u></p> <p>Not less than 14 and no more than 21 days.</p> <p><u>Civil No Contact (sexual assault) Plenary Order Duration:</u></p> <p>Two (2) years except if entered in conjunction with another civil or criminal proceeding.</p> <p><u>Civil Protection Order (issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing) Duration:</u></p> <p>Not less than fourteen (14) and no more than twenty-one (21) days. May be extended one or more times, as appropriate.</p>

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**IND. CODE §
34-26-5-9
34-26-5-20
34-26-5-20**

Civil Protection Order (issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing)

(f) Except as provided in subsection (g), an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and a hearing, or a modification of an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and a hearing, is effective for two (2) years after the date of issuance unless another date is ordered by the court.

IND. CODE § 34-26-5-9(f)

Note:

(g) This subsection applies to an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and a hearing, or to a modification of an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and a hearing, if:

(1) the respondent named in the order is a sex or violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5) and is required to register as a lifetime sex or violent offender under IC 11-8-8-19; and

(2) the petitioner was the victim of the crime that resulted in the requirement that the respondent register as a lifetime sex or violent offender under IC 11-8-8-19.

An order for protection to which this subsection applies is effective indefinitely after the date of issuance unless another date is ordered by the court. The sheriff of each county shall provide expedited service for an order for protection.

IND. CODE § 34-26-5-9(g)

Civil Protection Order (issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing) duration:

Two (2) years or lifetime if (1) the respondent is a sex or violent offender, or (2) the petitioner was the victim of a registered lifetime sex or violent offender.

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Orders issued before July 1, 2002

(a) A protective order issued before July 1, 2002, under IC 31-34-17, IC 31-37-16, or IC 34-26-2 (before their repeal) remains in effect for the period indicated in the court order granting the protective order.

(b) A protective order issued before July 1, 2002, under IC 31-14-16 or IC 31-15-5 remains in effect for the period indicated in the court order granting the protective order.

IND. CODE § 34-26-5-20(a)-(b)

Hearing

(a) If a court issues:

(1) an order for protection ex parte effective for a period described under section 9(f) [IC 34-26-5-9(f)] of this chapter; or

(2) a modification of an order for protection ex parte effective for a period described under section 9(f) of this chapter;

and provides relief under section 9(c) [IC 34-26-5-9(c)] of this chapter, upon a request by either party at any time after service of the order or modification, the court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition. Except as provided in subsection (c), the hearing must be held not more than thirty (30) days after the request for a hearing is filed unless continued by the court for good cause shown.

IND. CODE § 34-26-5-10(a)

Duration of Orders issued before July 1, 2002:

Remains in effect for the period indicated in the court order.

Hearing:

Must be held within thirty (30) Days.

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<p>IOWA</p> <p>IOWA CODE §§</p> <p>236.4</p> <p>236.5</p> <p>236.6</p> <p>236A.6</p> <p>236A.7</p> <p>236A.8</p>	<p><u>Domestic Abuse Protection Order</u></p> <p>An order for counseling, a protective order, or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. The court may amend or extend its order or a consent agreement at any time upon a petition filed by either party and after notice and hearing. The court may extend the order if the court, after hearing at which the defendant has the opportunity to be heard, finds that the defendant continues to pose a threat to the safety of the victim, persons residing with the victim, or members of the victim's immediate family. At the time of the extension, the parties need not meet the requirement in section 236.2, subsection 2, paragraph “d”, that the parties lived together during the last year if the parties met the requirements of section 236.2, subsection 2, paragraph “d”, at the time of the original order. The number of extensions that can be granted by the court is not limited.</p> <p>IOWA CODE § 236.5(3)</p> <p><u>Domestic Abuse Emergency Order</u></p> <p>An emergency order issued under subsection 1 shall expire seventy-two hours after issuance. When the order expires, the plaintiff may seek a temporary order from the court pursuant to section 236.4</p> <p>IOWA CODE § 236.6(2)</p> <p><u>Domestic Abuse Temporary Order Hearings</u></p> <p>1. Not less than five and not more than fifteen days after commencing a proceeding and upon notice to</p>	<p><u>Domestic Abuse Protection Order duration:</u></p> <p>Not to exceed one year, but can be extended</p> <p><u>Domestic Abuse Emergency Order Duration:</u></p> <p>Lasts for 72 hours</p> <p><u>Temporary Order Hearings:</u></p> <p>Hearing shall be held between five (5) and fifteen (15) days after commencement of proceeding.</p>
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the other party, a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of domestic abuse by a preponderance of the evidence.

2. The court may enter any temporary order it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from domestic abuse prior to the hearing, including temporary custody or visitation orders pursuant to subsection 3, upon good cause shown in an ex parte proceeding. Present danger of domestic abuse to the plaintiff constitutes good cause for purposes of this subsection. A temporary order issued pursuant to this subsection shall specifically include notice that the person may be required to relinquish all firearms, offensive weapons, and ammunition upon the issuance of a permanent order pursuant to section 236.5.

5. If a hearing is continued, the court may make or extend any temporary order under subsection 2, 3, or 4 that it deems necessary.

IOWA CODE § 236.4(1), (2), (5)

Sexual Abuse Protection Order

An order for a protective order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year . The court may amend or extend its order or a consent agreement at any time upon a petition filed by the plaintiff or defendant and after notice and hearing. The court may extend the order if the court, after hearing at which the defendant has the opportunity to be heard, finds that the defendant continues to pose a threat to the safety of the plaintiff, persons residing with the plaintiff, or members of the plaintiff's immediate family. The number of

Sexual Protection Order Duration:

Not to exceed one year, but can be extended

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extensions that can be granted by the court is not limited.

IOWA CODE § 236A.7(3)

Sexual Abuse Emergency Order

An emergency order issued under subsection 1 shall expire seventy-two hours after issuance. When the order expires, the plaintiff may seek a temporary order from the court pursuant to section 236A.6.

IOWA CODE § 236A.8(2)

Temporary Order Hearing (Sexual Abuse)

2. The court may enter any temporary order it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from sexual abuse prior to the hearing upon good cause shown in an ex parte proceeding. Present danger of sexual abuse to the plaintiff constitutes good cause for purposes of this subsection.

3. If a hearing is continued, the court may make or extend any temporary order under subsection 2 that it deems necessary.

IOWA CODE § 236A.6(2)

Sexual Abuse Emergency Order Duration:

Lasts for 72 hours

Temporary Order Hearings (Sexual Abuse):

Hearing shall be held between five (5) and fifteen (15) days after commencement of proceeding.

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KAN. STAT. ANN. §§

60-3105

60-3106

60-3107

Protective Order

Subject to the provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d), a protective order or approved consent agreement shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not less than one year and not more than two years, except as provided in subsections (e)(1) and (e) (2).

(1) Upon motion of the plaintiff, such period may be extended for an additional period of not less than one year and not more than three years.

(2) Upon verified motion of the plaintiff and after the defendant has been personally served with a copy of the motion and has had an opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at a hearing on the motion, the court shall extend a protective order for not less than one additional year and may extend the protective order up to the lifetime of the defendant if the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant has: (a) Violated a valid protection order; (b) previously violated a valid protection order; or (c) been convicted of a person felony or any conspiracy, criminal solicitation or attempt thereof, under the laws of Kansas or the laws of any other jurisdiction which are substantially similar to such person felony, committed against the plaintiff or any member of the plaintiff's household. No service fee shall be required for a motion filed pursuant to this subsection.

KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3107(e)(1), (2)

Protective Order Duration:

One (1) year, no more than two (2) years. May be extended for at least one (1) year and not more than three (3) years upon motion of the plaintiff. May be extended at least one (1) year and up to lifetime of the defendant if certain findings are made.

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Emergency Order

An emergency order issued under subsection (a) shall expire on 5:00 p.m. on the first day when the court resumes court business. At that time, the plaintiff may seek a temporary order from the court.

KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3105(b)

Temporary Order

(a) Within 21 days of the filing of a petition under this act a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence and the defendant shall have an opportunity to cross-examine the petitioner's witnesses and present evidence on the defendant's behalf. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set the case for hearing and advise the parties of the right to be represented by counsel.

(b) Prior to the hearing on the petition and upon a finding of good cause shown, the court on motion of a party may enter such temporary relief orders in accordance with subsection (a)(1), (2), (4) or (5) of K.S.A. 60-3107, and amendments thereto, or any combination thereof, as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor children from abuse. Temporary orders may be granted ex parte. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor children shall constitute good cause for purposes of this section.

No temporary order shall have the effect of modifying an existing order granting legal custody, residency, visitation or parenting time unless there is sworn testimony at a hearing to

Emergency Order Duration:

First day court resumes business.

Hearings:

Hearing held within twenty-one (21) days, and temporary orders can be extended.

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	<p>support a showing of good cause. (c) If a hearing under subsection (a) is continued, the court may make or extend such temporary orders under subsection (b) as it deems necessary.</p> <p>KAN. STAT. ANN. § 60-3106(a)-(c)</p>	

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**KY. REV. STAT. ANN. §§
403.730
403.740**

Domestic Violence Protection Order

(4) A domestic violence order shall be effective for a period of time fixed by the court, not to exceed three (3) years, and may be reissued upon expiration for subsequent periods of up to three (3) years each. The fact that an order has not been violated since its issuance may be considered by a court in hearing a request for a reissuance of the order.

KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 403.740(4)

Ex parte Emergency Protective Order

If the review [of the petition] indicates that domestic violence and abuse exists, the court shall summons the parties to an evidentiary hearing not more than fourteen (14) days in the future.

KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 403.730(1)(a)

Note:

If the review [of the petition] under this section also indicates the presence of an immediate and present danger of domestic violence and abuse, the court shall, upon the filing of the petition, issue ex parte an emergency protective order.

KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 403.730(2)(a)

Domestic Violence Protection Order Duration:

A period of time fixed by the court, not to exceed three (3) years.

Hearing:

14 days.

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LA. REV. STAT. ANN. §§

46:2135

46:2136

LA. CODE CIV. PROC. ANN. art.

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Domestic Violence Protection Order

F. (1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, any final protective order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time, not to exceed eighteen months, and may be extended by the court, after a contradictory hearing, in its discretion. Such protective order or extension thereof shall be subject to a devolutive appeal only. (2)(a) For any protective order granted by the court which directs the defendant to refrain from abusing, harassing, or interfering with the person as provided in R.S. 46:2135(A)(1), the court may grant the order to be effective for an indefinite period of time as provided by the provisions of this Paragraph on its own motion or by motion of the petitioner. The indefinite period shall be limited to the portion of the protective order which directs the defendant to refrain from abusing, harassing, or interfering with the person as provided in R.S. 46:2135(A)(1). (b) The hearing for this motion shall be conducted concurrently with the hearing for the rule to show cause why the protective order should not be issued.

LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2136(F)

Temporary Restraining Order Hearing

B. If a temporary restraining order is granted without notice, the matter shall be set within twenty-one days for a rule to show cause why the protective order should not be issued, at which time the petitioner must prove the allegations of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence. The defendant shall be given notice of the temporary restraining order

Domestic Violence Protection Order Duration:

Up to eighteen (18) months. Except provision that defendant must refrain from abusing, harassing, etc., may be extended to permanent.

Hearing:

21 days, with possibility of extension

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and the hearing on the rule to show cause by service of process as required by law within twenty-four hours of the issuance of the order.

LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2135(B)

E. If the hearing pursuant to Subsection B or D of this Section is continued, the court shall make or extend such temporary restraining orders as it deems necessary. Any continuance of a hearing ordered pursuant to Subsection B or D of this Section shall not exceed fifteen days, unless good cause is shown for further continuance.

LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2135(E)

Note:

The court may, in its discretion, grant an emergency temporary restraining order outside regular court hours.

LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2135(F)

Civil Temporary Restraining Order

A. A temporary restraining order shall be endorsed with the date and hour of issuance; shall be filed in the clerk's office and entered of record; shall state why the order was granted without notice and hearing; and shall expire by its terms within such time after entry, not to exceed ten days, as the court prescribes. A restraining order, for good cause shown, and at any time before its expiration, may be extended by the court for one or more periods not exceeding ten days each. The party against whom the order is directed may consent that it be extended for a longer period. The reasons for each extension shall be entered of record.

Civil Temporary Restraining Order Duration:

30 days or until hearing, whichever comes first

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B. Nevertheless, in a suit for divorce, a temporary restraining order issued in conjunction with a rule to show cause for a preliminary injunction shall remain in force until a hearing is held on the rule for the preliminary injunction prohibiting a spouse from:

LA. CODE CIV. PROC. ANN. art. 3604(A), (B)

Note:

C. (1) A temporary restraining order issued in conjunction with a rule to show cause for a protective order filed in an action pursuant to the Protection from Family Violence Act, R.S. 46:2121 et seq., and pursuant to the Protection From Dating Violence Act, R.S. 46:2151, shall remain in force until a hearing is held on the rule for the protective order or for thirty days, whichever occurs first. If the initial rule to show cause is heard by a hearing officer, the temporary restraining order shall remain in force for fifteen days after the hearing or until the judge signs the protective order, whichever occurs last. At any time before the expiration of a temporary restraining order issued pursuant to this Paragraph, it may be extended by the court for a period not exceeding thirty days.

(2) In the event that the hearing on the rule for the protective order is continued by the court because of a declared state of emergency made in accordance with R.S. 29:724, any temporary restraining order issued in the matter shall remain in force for five days after the date of conclusion of the state of emergency. When a temporary restraining order remains in force under this Paragraph, the

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court shall reassign the rule for a protective order for hearing at the earliest possible time, but no later than five days after the date of conclusion of the state of emergency. The reassignment of the rule shall take precedence over all matters except older matters of the same character.

LA. CODE CIV. PROC. ANN. art. 3604(C)

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ME. REV. STAT. TIT. 19-A, §§

4108

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Final Protection Order

A. A final protection order issued under this chapter must be for a fixed period not to exceed 2 years, unless extended by the court pursuant to section 4111.

ME. REV. STAT. TIT. 19-A, § 4110(5)(A)

Extension:

The court may extend a final protection order issued under this chapter at the time of expiration, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as the court determines necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor child from abuse or conduct specified in section 4103. A final protection order may be extended more than once and without limitation on the duration of the extension.

ME. REV. STAT. TIT. 19-A, § 4111(1)

Emergency Relief

The court may enter temporary orders authorized under subsection 2 that it considers necessary to protect a plaintiff or minor child from abuse, on good cause shown in an ex parte proceeding, which the court shall hear and determine as expeditiously as practicable after the filing of a complaint. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor child constitutes good cause. A temporary order remains in effect pending a hearing pursuant to section 4109.

ME. REV. STAT. TIT. 19-A, § 4108(4)

Final Protection Order Duration:

No more than two years but can be extended without limitation.

Domestic Abuse Emergency Relief Duration:

Effective pending hearing (up to twenty-one days)

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Protection from Harassment Orders

The court, after a hearing and upon finding that the defendant has committed the harassment alleged, may grant any protection order or approve any consent agreement to bring about a cessation of harassment... Any protective order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period not to exceed one year. At the expiration of that time, the court may extend an order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from harassment. Upon motion by either party, for sufficient cause, the court may modify the order or agreement from time to time as circumstances require.

ME. REV. STAT. tit. 5, § 4655(1), (2)

Protection from Harassment Interim Ex Parte Orders

The court, in an ex parte proceeding, may enjoin the defendant.

ME. REV. STAT. tit. 5, § 4654(4)

Protection from Harassment Emergency Orders

When there is no judge available in the District Court having venue or the District Court courthouse is closed and no other provision can be made for protection of a victim of harassment, a complaint may be presented to any judge of the District Court or Justice of the Superior Court. Upon a meeting of the requirements of subsection 2, the court may enter any temporary orders, authorized under subsection 4, as the court considers necessary to protect the plaintiff from harassment.

ME. REV. STAT. tit. 5, § 4654(3)

Protection from Harassment Duration:

Up to one [1] year

Hearings:

On two days notice to the plaintiff, or on such shorter notice as the court may order, a person who is subject to any order may appear and move the dissolution or modification of the order . . .

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MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW. §§

4-505

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MD. CODE ANN., CTS. & JUD. PROC. §§

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Final Protective Orders

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, all relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 1 year.

(2) All relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 2 years if:

(i) the court issues a final protective order under this section against a respondent on behalf of a person eligible for relief:

1. for an act of abuse committed within 1 year after the date that a prior final protective order issued against the same respondent on behalf of the same person eligible for relief expires; or

2. by consent of the respondent within 1 year after the date that a prior final protective order issued against the same respondent on behalf of the same person eligible for relief expires; and

(ii) the prior final protective order was issued for a period of at least 6 months.

MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW. § 4-506(j)

Note:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the court shall issue a permanent protective order under this subsection against an individual if:

(i) an interim, temporary, or final protective order has been issued under this subtitle against the individual;

(ii)

1. the individual was convicted and sentenced to

Order Duration:

Up to one (1) or up to two (2) years. Can be made permanent under certain circumstances.

A Final Protective Order issued under (k) is permanent unless terminated at request of the victim.

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serve a term of imprisonment of at least 5 years for the act of abuse that led to the issuance of the interim, temporary, or final protective order and the individual has served at least 12 months of the sentence; or

2.

A. during the term of the interim, temporary, or final protective order, the individual committed an act of abuse against the person eligible for relief; and

B. the individual was convicted and sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment of at least 5 years for the act and has served at least 12 months of the sentence; and

(iii) the victim of the act of abuse described in item (ii) 1 or 2 of this paragraph, who was the person eligible for relief in the interim, temporary, or final protective order, requests the issuance of a permanent protective order under this subsection.

(2) In a permanent protective order issued under this subsection, the court may grant only the relief that was granted in the original protective order under § 4-504.1(c)(1) or (2) or § 4-505(a)(2)(i) or (ii) of this subtitle or subsection (d)(1) or (2) of this section.

(3) Unless terminated at the request of the victim, a protective order issued under this subsection shall be permanent.

MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW. § 4-506(k)

Interim Protective Order

(h)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, an interim protective order shall be effective until the earlier of:

Interim Protective Order duration:

The earlier of two (2) business days or the temporary protective order hearing.

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- (i) the temporary protective order hearing under § 4-505 of this subtitle; or
- (ii) the end of the second business day the Office of the Clerk of the District Court is open following the issuance of an interim protective order.
- (2) If the court is closed on the day on which the interim protective order is due to expire, the interim protective order shall be effective until the next day on which the court is open, at which time the court shall hold a temporary protective order hearing.

Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 4-504.1(h)

Temporary Protective Order

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the temporary protective order shall be effective for not more than 7 days after service of the order.
- (2) The judge may extend the temporary protective order as needed, but not to exceed 6 months, to effectuate service of the order where necessary to provide protection or for other good cause.
- (3) If the court is closed on the day on which the temporary protective order is due to expire, the temporary protective order shall be effective until the second day on which the court is open, by which time the court shall hold a final protective order hearing.

MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW. § 4-505(c)

Peace Order

All relief granted in a final peace order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 6 months.

Temporary Protective Order duration:

Seven (7) days after service. Judge can extend for up to six (6) months.

Peace Order duration:

Not to exceed six (6) months.

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MD. CODE ANN., CTS. & JUD. PROC. § 3-1505(f)

Temporary Peace Order

(c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the temporary peace order shall be effective for not more than 7 days after service of the order.

(2) The judge may extend the temporary peace order as needed, but not to exceed 30 days, to effectuate service of the order where necessary to provide protection or for other good cause.

(3) If the court is closed on the day on which the temporary peace order is due to expire, the temporary peace order shall be effective until the second day on which the court is open, by which time the court shall hold a final peace order hearing.

MD. CODE ANN., CTS. & JUD. PROC. § 3-1504(c)

Temporary Peace Order duration:

Seven (7) days after service. Judge can extend for up to thirty (30) days.

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MASS. GEN. LAWS

ch. 258E, § 3

ch. 258E, § 5

ch. 209A, § 3

ch. 209A, § 4

Harassment Prevention Order

Any relief granted by the court shall not extend for a period exceeding 1 year. Every order shall, on its face, state the time and date the order is to expire and shall include the date and time that the matter will again be heard. If the plaintiff appears at the court at the date and time the order is to expire, the court shall determine whether or not to extend the order for any additional time reasonably necessary to protect the plaintiff or to enter a permanent order. When the expiration date stated on the order is on a date when the court is closed to business, the order shall not expire until the next date that the court is open to business. The plaintiff may appear on such next court business day at the time designated by the order to request that the order be extended. The court may also extend the order upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from harassment. The fact that harassment has not occurred during the pendency of an order shall not, in itself, constitute sufficient ground for denying or failing to extend the order, or allowing an order to expire or be vacated or for refusing to issue a new order.

MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 258E, § 3(d)

Harassment Prevention Temporary Order Hearing

If the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of harassment, the court may enter such temporary relief orders without notice as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from

Harassment Prevention Order duration:

One (1) year. Can be extended upon request as deemed necessary to protect plaintiff from harassment

Harassment Prevention Temporary Order Hearing:

Ten (10) court business days

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harassment and shall immediately thereafter notify the defendant that the temporary orders have been issued. The court shall give the defendant an opportunity to be heard on the question of continuing the temporary order and of granting other relief as requested by the plaintiff not later than 10 court business days after such orders are entered.

MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 258E, § 5

Order for Protection from Abuse

Any relief granted by the court shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. . . .

The court may also extend the order upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect from abuse the plaintiff or any child in the plaintiff's care or custody.

MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 209A, § 3(c)

Temporary Order for Protection from Abuse Hearing

The court shall give the defendant an opportunity to be heard on the question of continuing the temporary order and of granting other relief as requested by the plaintiff no later than ten court business days after such orders are entered.

MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 209A, § 4

Order for Protection from Abuse duration:

Not to exceed one (1) year. May be extended for additional time as it deems necessary to protect from abuse

Temporary Order Hearing:

Ten (10) business days.

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**MICH. COMP. LAWS §§
600.2950
600.2950a**

Personal Protection Order

(13) A personal protection order issued under subsection (12) is valid for not less than 182 days. The individual restrained or enjoined may file a motion to modify or rescind the personal protection order and request a hearing under the Michigan court rules. A motion to modify or rescind the personal protection order must be filed within 14 days after the order is served or after the individual restrained or enjoined has received actual notice of the personal protection order unless good cause is shown for filing the motion after the 14 days have elapsed.

MICH. COMP. LAWS § 600.2950(13)

Stalking Personal Protection Order

(13) A personal protection order issued under subsection (12) is valid for not less than 182 days. The individual restrained or enjoined may file a motion to modify or rescind the personal protection order and request a hearing under the Michigan court rules. The motion to modify or rescind the personal protection order shall be filed within 14 days after the order is served or after the individual restrained or enjoined receives actual notice of the personal protection order unless good cause is shown for filing the motion after 14 days have elapsed.

MICH. COMP. LAWS § 600.2950a(13)

Personal Protection Order duration:

Not less than 182 days.

Stalking Personal Protection Order duration:

Not less than 182 days.

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**MINN. STAT. §§
518B.01
609.748**

Order for Protection

Any relief granted by the order for protection shall be for a period not to exceed two years, except when the court determines a longer period is appropriate. When a referee presides at the hearing on the petition, the order granting relief becomes effective upon the referee's signature.

MINN. STAT. § 518B.01, subd. 6(15)(b)

Note:

(c) Relief granted by the order for protection may be for a period of up to 50 years, if the court finds:
(1) the respondent has violated a prior or existing order for protection on two or more occasions; or
(2) the petitioner has had two or more orders for protection in effect against the same respondent.

MINN. STAT. § 518B.01, subd. 6a(4)(c)

Ex Parte Order

Subject to paragraph (d), an ex parte order for protection shall be effective for a fixed period set by the court, as provided in subdivision 6, paragraph (b), or until modified or vacated by the court pursuant to a hearing.

If personal service is not made or the affidavit is not filed within 14 days of issuance of the ex parte order, the order expires.

Unless personal service is completed, if service by published notice is not completed within 28 days of issuance of the ex parte order, the order expires.

MINN. STAT. § 518B.01, subd. 7(c)-(d)

Protection Order duration:

Two (2) Years. Can be extended up to 50 years under limited circumstances.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Fourteen (14) days, or Twenty-eight (28) days.

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Harassment Restraining Order

If the court finds that the petitioner has had two or more previous restraining orders in effect against the same respondent or the respondent has violated a prior or existing restraining order on two or more occasions, relief granted by the restraining order may be for a period of up to 50 years. In all other cases, relief granted by the restraining order must be for a fixed period of not more than two years. When a referee presides at the hearing on the petition, the restraining order becomes effective upon the referee's signature.

MINN. STAT. § 609.748, subd. 5(b)(3)

Temporary Harassment Restraining Order

The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on the issuance of a restraining order under subdivision 5. The court shall hold the hearing on the issuance of a restraining order if the petitioner requests a hearing. The hearing may be continued by the court upon a showing that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order despite the exercise of due diligence or if service is made by published notice under subdivision 3 and the petitioner files the affidavit required under that subdivision.

MINN. STAT. § 609.748, subd.4(d)

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Harassment Restraining Order duration:

Two (2) Years. Can be extended 50 years under certain circumstances.

Temporary Harassment Restraining Order duration:

Effective until a hearing on the restraining order, which must be made by request.

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MISS. CODE ANN. §§

93-21-15

93-21-13

Final Protection Order

Except as provided below, a final domestic abuse protection order issued by a chancery or county court under the provisions of this chapter shall be effective for such time period as the court deems appropriate. The expiration date of the order shall be clearly stated in the order.

MISS. CODE ANN. § 93-21-15(2)(b)

Temporary Domestic Abuse Protection Order

(b) The duration of any temporary domestic abuse protection order issued by a municipal or justice court shall not exceed thirty (30) days. However, if the party to be protected and the respondent do not have minor children in common, the duration of the temporary domestic abuse protection order may exceed thirty (30) days but shall not exceed one (1) year.

MISS. CODE ANN. § 93-21-15(1)(b)

Note:

Temporary provisions addressing temporary custody, visitation or support of minor children contained in a final domestic abuse protection order issued by a chancery or county court shall be effective for one hundred eighty (180) days.

MISS. CODE ANN. § 93-21-15(2)(c)

Emergency Domestic Abuse Protection Order

An emergency domestic abuse protection order shall be effective for ten (10) days, or until a hearing may

Final Protection Order duration:

A period as the court deems appropriate.

Temporary order duration:

Thirty (30) Days. One (1) year if the party to be protected and the respondent do not have minor children in common.

Emergency Protective Order duration:

Ten (10) Days.

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be held, whichever occurs first. If a hearing under this subsection (1) is continued, the court may grant or extend the emergency order as it deems necessary for the protection of the abused person. A continuance under this subsection (1)(c) shall be valid for no longer than twenty (20) days.

MISS. CODE ANN. § 93-21-13(1)(c)

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MO. REV. STAT. §§

455.035

455.040

455.516

Protection Order

At the hearing, if the petitioner has proved the allegation of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault by a preponderance of the evidence, and the respondent cannot show that his or her actions alleged to constitute abuse were otherwise justified under the law, the court shall issue a full order of protection for a period of time the court deems appropriate, and unless after an evidentiary hearing the court makes specific written findings that the respondent poses a serious danger to the physical or mental health of the petitioner or of a minor household member of the petitioner, the protective order shall be valid for at least one hundred eighty days and not more than one year. If, after an evidentiary hearing, the court makes specific written findings that the respondent poses a serious danger to the physical or mental health of the petitioner or of a minor household member of the petitioner, the protective order shall be valid for at least two years and not more than ten years.

MO. REV. STAT. § 455.040(1)(1)

Ex Parte Order of Protection

An ex parte order of protection entered by the court shall take effect when entered and shall remain in effect until there is valid service of process and a hearing is held on the motion.

MO. REV. STAT. § 455.035(1)

Protection Order Hearing:

Not later than fifteen days after the filing of a

Protection Order duration:

From One Hundred Eighty (180) Days up to 10 years.

Ex Parte Order of Protection duration:

Until there is valid service of process and a hearing is held on the motion.

Hearing:

To be held not more than 15 days after the filing of the petition.

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petition that meets the requirements of section 455.020, a hearing shall be held unless the court deems, for good cause shown, that a continuance should be granted.

MO. REV. STAT. § 455.040(1)(1)

Protection Order (child abuse)

Not later than fifteen days after the filing of a petition under [sections 455.500](#) to [455.538](#), a hearing shall be held unless the court deems, for good cause shown, that a continuance should be granted. At the hearing, which may be an open or a closed hearing at the discretion of the court, whichever is in the best interest of the child, if the petitioner has proved the allegation of domestic violence against a child by a preponderance of the evidence, the court may issue a full order of protection for at least one hundred eighty days and not more than one year....

MO. REV. STAT. § 455.516(1)

Note:

Upon motion by either party, the guardian ad litem or the court-appointed special advocate, and after a hearing by the court, the full order of protection may be renewed for a period of time the court deems appropriate, except that the protective order shall be valid for at least one hundred eighty days and not more than one year from the expiration date of the originally issued full order of protection. The court may, upon finding that it is in the best interest of the child, include a provision that any full order of protection for one year shall automatically renew

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Protection Order (child abuse):

One hundred eighty (180) days and not more than one year.

Protection Order (child abuse) Hearing:

Not later than fifteen (15) days after the filing of a petition

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unless the respondent requests a hearing by thirty days prior to the expiration of the order. If for good cause a hearing cannot be held on the motion to renew or to terminate the automatic renewal of the full order of protection prior to the expiration date of the originally issued full order of protection, an ex parte order of protection may be issued until a hearing is held on the motion. When an automatic renewal is not authorized, upon motion by either party, the guardian ad litem or the court appointed special advocate, and after a hearing by the court, the second full order of protection may be renewed for an additional period of time the court deems appropriate, except that the protective order shall be valid for at least one hundred eighty days and not more than one year from the expiration date of the second full order of protection. If for good cause a hearing cannot be held on the motion to renew the second full order of protection prior to the expiration date of the second order, an ex parte order of protection may be issued until a hearing is held on the motion. For purposes of this subsection, a finding by the court of a subsequent act of abuse is not required for a renewal order of protection.

MO. REV. STAT. § 455.516(1)

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MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-204

Order of Protection

An order of protection issued under this section may continue for an appropriate time period as directed by the court or be made permanent under subsection (1), (2), or (4). The order may be terminated upon the petitioner's request that the order be dismissed.

MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-204(5)

(1) The court may, on the basis of the respondent's history of violence, the severity of the offense at issue, and the evidence presented at the hearing, determine that to avoid further injury or harm, the petitioner needs permanent protection. The court may order that the order of protection remain in effect permanently.

(2) In a dissolution proceeding, the district court may, upon request, issue either an order of protection for an appropriate period of time or a permanent order of protection.

(4) An order of protection may include restraining the respondent from any other named family member who is a minor. If this restriction is included, the respondent must be restrained from having contact with the minor for an appropriate time period as directed by the court or permanently if the court finds that the minor was a victim of abuse, a witness to abuse, or endangered by the environment of abuse.

MONT. CODE ANN. § 40-15-204(1)-(2), 4)

Protection Order duration:

A period as the court deems appropriate-- may be permanent.

For dissolution proceeding – appropriate period of time, or permanent.

Restraints relating to a minor family member: Appropriate period of time, or permanent.

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NEB. REV. STAT. §§

42-924

42-925

28-311.09

28-311.11

Protection Order

A protection order shall specify that it is effective for a period of one year and, if the order grants temporary custody, the number of days of custody granted to the petitioner unless otherwise modified by the court.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-924(3)

Note:

This includes protection orders for Domestic Abuse, Harassment, and Sexual Assault.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-924(3)(a)

NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-311.09(6)

NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-311.11(6)

Ex-Parte Protection Order

An order issued under section 42-924 may be issued ex parte to the respondent if it reasonably appears from the specific facts included in the affidavit that the petitioner will be in immediate danger of abuse before the matter can be heard on notice.

If an order is issued ex parte, such order is a temporary order and the court shall forthwith cause notice of the petition and order to be given to the respondent. The court shall also cause a form to request a show-cause hearing to be served upon the respondent. If the respondent wishes to appear and show cause why the order should not remain in effect, he or she shall affix his or her current address, telephone number, and signature to the form and

Protection Order duration:

One (1) Year.

Respondent has 10 (ten) days to request a hearing. If no hearing requested, the service of the ex parte order will be notice of the final protection order.

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return it to the clerk of the district court within ten business days after service upon him or her. Upon receipt of a timely request for a show-cause hearing, the request of the petitioner, or upon the court's own motion, the court shall immediately schedule a show-cause hearing to be held within thirty days after the receipt of the request for a show-cause hearing and shall notify the petitioner and respondent of the hearing date. The petition and affidavit shall be deemed to have been offered into evidence at any show-cause hearing. The petition and affidavit shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If the respondent appears at the hearing and shows cause why such order should not remain in effect, the court shall rescind the temporary order.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-925(1)

Note:

An order issued under section 42-924 shall remain in effect for the period provided in subsection (3) of section 42-924, unless dismissed or modified by the court prior to such date.

NEB. REV. STAT. § 42-925(5)

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NEV. REV. STAT. § 33.080

Extended Order

An extended order expires within such time, not to exceed 2 years, as the court fixes. A temporary order may be converted by the court, upon notice to the adverse party and a hearing, into an extended order effective for not more than 2 years.

NEV. REV. STAT. § 33.080(3)

Temporary Order

1. A temporary order expires within such time, not to exceed 45 days, as the court fixes. If an application for an extended order is filed within the period of a temporary order or at the same time that an application for a temporary order is filed, the temporary order remains in effect until:

- (a) The hearing on the extended order is held ; or
- (b) If the court schedules a second or third hearing pursuant to subsection 5 or 6 of [NRS 33.020](#), the date on which the second or third hearing on an application for an extended order is held.

2. On 2 days' notice to the party who obtained the temporary order, the adverse party may appear and move its dissolution or modification, and in that event the court shall proceed to hear and determine such motion as expeditiously as the ends of justice require.

NEV. REV. STAT. § 33.080(1)-(2)

Extended Order duration:

Not more than 2 years.

Temporary Order duration:

Up to forty-five (45) days from date of issuance.

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N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. §§

173-B:4

173-B:5

633:3-a

Domestic Violence Protection Order

Any order under this section shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, but may be extended by order of the court upon a motion by the plaintiff, showing good cause, with notice to the defendant, for one year after the expiration of the first order and thereafter each extension may be for up to 5 years, upon the request of the plaintiff and at the discretion of the court.

N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 173-B:5(VI)

Telephonic Temporary Order of Protection

Upon a showing of an immediate and present danger of abuse, the court may enter temporary orders to protect the plaintiff with or without actual notice to defendant. The court may issue such temporary orders by telephone or facsimile. Such telephonically issued orders shall be made by a circuit court judge to a law enforcement officer, shall be valid in any jurisdiction in the state, and shall be effective until the close of the next regular court business day. Such orders shall be returnable to the circuit court where the plaintiff resides or to which the plaintiff has fled, unless otherwise ordered by the issuing judge. If non-telephonic temporary orders are made ex parte, the party against whom such relief is issued may file a written request with the clerk of the court and request a hearing on such orders. Such hearing shall be held no less than 3 business days and no more than 5 business days after the request is received by the clerk.

N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 173-B:4(I)

Order duration:

One (1) Year and Extensions Up to Five (5) Years.

Temporary Order duration:

Close of the next business day (if issued telephonically) or three to five days after issuance (if issued in court).

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Stalking Protection Order

Any order under this section shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, but may be extended by order of the court upon a motion by the plaintiff, showing good cause, with notice to the defendant, for one year after the expiration of the first order and thereafter each extension may be for up to 5 years, upon the request of the plaintiff and at the discretion of the court. The court shall review the order, and each renewal thereof and shall grant such relief as may be necessary to provide for the safety and well-being of the plaintiff. A defendant shall have the right to a hearing on the extension of any order under this paragraph to be held within 30 days of the extension. The court shall state in writing, at the respondent's request, its reason or reasons for granting the extension. The court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce and collect the financial support obligation which accrued prior to the expiration of the protective order.

N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 633:3-a(III-c)

Stalking Order duration:

Not to exceed one year. May be extended by the court up to five (5) years.

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**N.J. STAT. ANN. §§
2C:25-28
2C:25-29**

Final Restraining Order

Upon good cause shown, any final order may be dissolved or modified upon application to the Family Part of the Chancery Division of the Superior Court, but only if the judge who dissolves or modifies the order is the same judge who entered the order or has available a complete record of the hearing or hearings on which the order was based.

N.J. STAT. ANN. § 2C:25-29(d)

Note:

Hearing:

Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a hearing shall be held in the Family Part of the Chancery Division of the Superior Court within 10 days of the filing of a complaint pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-28) in the county where the ex parte restraints were ordered, unless good cause is shown for the hearing to be held elsewhere.

N.J. STAT. ANN. § 2C:25-29(a)

Temporary Restraining Order (emergency, ex parte relief)

An order for emergency, ex parte relief shall be granted upon good cause shown and shall remain in effect until a judge of the Family Part issues a further order.

N.J. STAT. ANN. § 2C:25-28(i)

Final Restraining Order duration:

Permanent.

Temporary Restraining Order duration:

Until further order of the court.

NEW MEXICO

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**N.M. STAT. ANN. §§
40-13-4
40-13-6**

Order of Protection

An order of protection issued by the court may be in effect for a fixed period of time of any length; provided that the court deems the period of time appropriate to protect the safety of the protected party. Upon motion and after a hearing, an existing order of protection that may expire may be extended for good cause shown.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-6(C)

Temporary Order of Protection - Hearing

Within ten days after the granting of the temporary order of protection, hold a hearing on the question of continuing the order.

N.M. STAT. ANN. § 40-13-4(A)(3)

Order duration:

As the court deems appropriate.

Hearing:

To be held within 10 days after the granting of the temporary order of protection

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**N.Y. FAM. CT. LAW §§
828
842**

Order of Protection

An order of protection under section eight hundred forty-one of this part shall set forth reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a period not in excess of two years by the petitioner or respondent or for a period not in excess of five years upon (i) a finding by the court on the record of the existence of aggravating circumstances as defined in paragraph (vii) of subdivision (a) of section eight hundred twenty-seven of this article; or (ii) a finding by the court on the record that the conduct alleged in the petition is in violation of a valid order of protection.

N.Y. FAM. CT. LAW § 842

Note:

The court may also, upon motion, extend the order of protection for a reasonable period of time upon a showing of good cause or consent of the parties.

N.Y. FAM. CT. LAW § 842

Temporary Order of Protection

Upon the filing of a petition or counter-claim under this article, the court for good cause shown may issue a temporary order of protection, which may contain any of the provisions authorized on the making of an order of protection under section eight hundred forty-two, provided that the court shall make a determination, and the court shall state such

Protection Order duration:

Two (2) – Five (5) Years.

Temporary Protection Order duration:

Until the next court date.

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determination in a written decision or on the record, whether to impose a condition pursuant to this subdivision, provided further, however, that failure to make such a determination shall not affect the validity of such order of protection.

N.Y. FAM. CT. LAW § 828(1)(A)

NORTH CAROLINA

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N.C. GEN. STAT. §§

50C-8

50B-2

50B-3

Permanent Civil No-Contact Order

(b) A permanent civil no-contact order shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year.

(c) Any order may be extended one or more times, as required, provided that the requirements of G.S. 50C-6 or G.S. 50C-7, as appropriate, are satisfied. The court may renew an order, including an order that previously has been renewed, upon a motion by the complainant filed before the expiration of the current order. The court may renew the order for good cause. The commission of an act of unlawful conduct by the respondent after entry of the current order is not required for an order to be renewed. If the motion for extension is uncontested and the complainant seeks no modification of the order, the order may be extended if the complainant's motion or affidavit states that there has been no material change in relevant circumstances since entry of the order and states the reason for the requested extension. Extensions may be granted only in open court and not under the provisions of G.S. 50C-6(d).

N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50C-8(b), (c)

Note:

Any civil no-contact order expiring on a day the court is not open for business shall expire at the close of the next court business day

N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50C-8(d)

Permanent Civil No-Contact Order duration:

Not to exceed one (1) year.

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Domestic Violence Protection Order

Protective orders entered pursuant to this Chapter shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. The court may renew a protective order for a fixed period of time not to exceed two years, including an order that previously has been renewed, upon a motion by the aggrieved party filed before the expiration of the current order; provided, however, that a temporary award of custody entered as part of a protective order may not be renewed to extend a temporary award of custody beyond the maximum one-year period. The court may renew a protective order for good cause. If the hearing for a motion to renew a protective order is set on a date after which the current order will have expired, the court may temporarily renew the current order upon the ex parte application of the plaintiff for a fixed period of time not to extend beyond the date of the renewal hearing or 30 days from the date the current order is set to expire, whichever occurs first, absent the express written consent of both parties or their attorneys. This temporary renewal may not extend a temporary award of custody entered as part of a protective order beyond the maximum one-year period.

N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B-3(b)

Ex Parte Order

Upon the issuance of an ex parte order under this subsection, a hearing shall be held within 10 days from the date of issuance of the order or within seven days from the date of service of process on the other party, whichever occurs later. A continuance shall be limited to one extension of no

Protection Order duration:

One (1) Year. Orders may be extended for up to two (2) years.

Ex Parte duration:

No more than 10 Days—extension granted upon consent of parties and good cause.

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more than 10 days unless all parties consent or good cause is shown. The hearing shall have priority on the court calendar.

N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50B-2(c)(5)

Temporary Civil No-Contact Order Against Stalking, Sexual Conduct

(a) A temporary civil no-contact order shall be effective for not more than 10 days as the court fixes, unless within the time so fixed the temporary civil no-contact order, for good cause shown, is extended for a like period or a longer period if the respondent consents. The reasons for the extension shall be stated in the temporary order.

N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50C-8(a)

Civil No-Contact Order Against Stalking, Sexual Conduct

A permanent civil no-contact order shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year.

N.C. GEN. STAT. § 50C-8(b)

Temporary Civil No-Contact Order duration:

No more than ten (10) days.

Permanent Civil No-Contact Order duration:

Not to exceed one (1) year.

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N.D. CENT. CODE §§

14-07.1-02

14-07.1-03

14-07.1-08

Domestic Violence Protection Order

The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent petition filed by either party.

N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-02(6)

Temporary Protection Order

Unless otherwise terminated by the court, an ex parte temporary protection order remains in effect until an order issued under § 14-07.1-02 is served.

N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-03(3)

Hearing

Upon receipt of the application, the court shall order a hearing to be held not later than fourteen days from the date of the hearing order, or at a later date if good cause is shown.

N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-02(2)

Emergency relief

Any order issued under this section expires seventy-two hours after its issuance, unless continued by the court, or the local magistrate in the event of continuing unavailability of the court.

N.D. CENT. CODE § 14-07.1-08

Protection Order duration:

No fixed duration provided by statute.

Temporary Protection Order duration:

Until final order is served.

Hearing:

To be held no later than 14 days of the date of the ex parte hearing.

Emergency order duration:

Seventy-two (72) hours.

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OHIO REV. CODE ANN. §
3113.31**Protection Order**

Any protection order issued or consent agreement approved under this section shall be valid until a date certain, but not later than five years from the date of its issuance or approval, or not later than the date a respondent who is less than eighteen years of age attains nineteen years of age, unless modified or terminated as provided in division (E)(8) of this section.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3113.31(E)(3)(a)

Hearing After Issuance of an Ex Parte Order:

If the court, after an ex parte hearing, issues an order described in division (E)(1)(b) or (c) of this section, the court shall schedule a full hearing for a date that is within seven court days after the ex parte hearing. If any other type of protection order that is authorized under division (E) of this section is issued by the court after an ex parte hearing, the court shall schedule a full hearing for a date that is within ten court days after the ex parte hearing.

OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3113.31(D)(2a)

Order duration:

Five (5) Years, or until underage respondent is 19 years old.

Hearing:

To be held within seven (7) or ten (10) court days after the ex parte hearing.

OKLAHOMA

STATUTE

TIME LIMIT

OKLAHOMA

OKLA. STAT. tit. 22 §§

60.3

60.4

Domestic Abuse Protective Order

Any protective order issued on or after November 1, 2012, pursuant to subsection C of this section shall be:

- a. for a fixed period not to exceed a period of five (5) years unless extended, modified, vacated or rescinded upon motion by either party or if the court approves any consent agreement entered into by the plaintiff and defendant; provided, if the defendant is incarcerated, the protective order shall remain in full force and effect during the period of incarceration. The period of incarceration, in any jurisdiction, shall not be included in the calculation of the five-year time limitation, or
- b. continuous upon a specific finding by the court of one of the following:
 - (1) the person has a history of violating the orders of any court or governmental entity,
 - (2) the person has previously been convicted of a violent felony offense,
 - (3) the person has a previous felony conviction for stalking as provided in Section 1173 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 - (4) a court order for a final Victim Protection Order has previously been issued against the person in this state or another state, or
 - (5) the victim provides proof that a continuous protective order is necessary for his or her protection.

Further, the court may take into consideration whether the person has a history of domestic violence or a history of other violent acts. The

Domestic Abuse Protective Order duration:

Five (5) Years or permanent with specific findings.

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protective order shall remain in effect until modified, vacated or rescinded upon motion by either party or if the court approves any consent agreement entered into by the plaintiff and defendant. If the defendant is incarcerated, the protective order shall remain in full force and effect during the period of incarceration.

OKLA. STAT. tit. 22 § 60.4(G)(1)(a)-(b)

Emergency Ex Parte Order of Protection:

The emergency ex parte order shall be in effect until after the full hearing is conducted. Provided, if the defendant, after having been served, does not appear at the hearing, the emergency ex parte order shall remain in effect until the defendant is served with the permanent order. If the terms of the permanent order are the same as those in the emergency order, or are less restrictive, then it is not necessary to serve the defendant with the permanent order.

OKLA. STAT. tit. 22 § 60.3(A)

Emergency Ex Parte order duration:

Until full hearing is conducted or final order is served.

OREGON

STATUTE

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OREGON

OR. REV. STAT. §§

107.718

107.725

163.738

163.765

Domestic Abuse Protection Order

The court's order under subsection (1) of this section is effective for a period of two years or until the order is withdrawn or amended, or until the order is superseded as provided in ORS 107.722, whichever is sooner.

OR. REV. STAT. § 107.718(3)

Note:

1) The court may renew for a period of two years an order entered under ORS 107.716 or 107.718 or renewed upon the findings enlisted under this section.

OR. REV. STAT. § 107.725(1)

Stalking Protection Order

The order is of unlimited duration unless limited by law.

OR. REV. STAT. § 163.738(2)(b)

Sexual Abuse Restraining Order

A restraining order entered under this section is effective for a period of five years or, if the petitioner is under 18 years of age at the time of entry, until January 1 of the year following the petitioner's 18th birthday, whichever occurs later, except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection or unless the restraining order is renewed, modified or terminated in accordance with ORS 163.760 to 163.777.

OR. REV. STAT. § 163.765(8)(a)

Order Duration:

Two (2) years.

Orders may be renewed for an additional two (2) years.

Stalking Protection Order Duration:

Permanent.

Restraining Order Duration:

Five (5) Years, or if petitioner is under 18 years of age, until January 1 of the year following the petitioner's 18th birthday.

PENNSYLVANIA

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**23 PA. CONS. STAT. §§
6107
6108
62A07**

Protection from Abuse Order

A protection order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed three years. The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent petition filed by either party.

23 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6108(d)

Temporary Order

The court may enter such a temporary order as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor children when it finds they are in immediate and present danger of abuse. The order shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by the court after notice and hearing.

23 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6107(b)(2)

Hearing

Within ten business days of the filing of a petition under this chapter, a hearing shall be held before the court, at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence.

23 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6107(a)

Emergency Order

An order issued under subsection (a) shall expire at the end of the next business day the court deems itself available.

23 PA. CONS. STAT. § 6110(b)

Order duration:

Three (3) Years.

Temporary order duration:

Until modified by the Court.

Hearing:

Hearings must be held within 10 business days of filing a protection from abuse petition.

Emergency Order duration:

The next business day.

PENNSYLVANIA

STATUTE

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Protection from Sexual Violence or Intimidation Order

A protection order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed 36 months--three years. The court may amend its order or agreement at any time

42 PA. CONS. STAT. § 62A07(c)

Note:

Extension of Protection Orders

- (1) An extension of an order may be granted:
- (i) Where the court, after a duly filed petition, notice to the defendant and a hearing, in accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 62A05 (relating to commencement of proceedings) and 62A06 (relating to hearings), finds that the extension is necessary because the defendant engaged in one or more acts or finds some other circumstances that, in the discretion of the court, demonstrate a continued risk of harm to the victim.
 - (ii) When a contempt petition or charge has been filed with the court or, in a county of the first class, a hearing officer, but the hearing has not occurred before the expiration of the protection order, the order shall be extended, at a minimum, until the disposition of the contempt petition.
- (2) Service of an extended order shall be made in accordance with section 62A05(d).
- (3) There shall be no limitation on the number of extensions that may be granted.

42 PA. CONS. STAT. § 62A07(d)

Order duration:

Three (3) Years.

Extension duration:

No limitation on number of extensions granted.

RHODE ISLAND

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15 R.I. GEN. LAWS §§

15-15-3

15-15-4

8 R.I. GEN. LAWS §

8-8.1-3

8-8.1-4

Protective Orders

[Family court]

Any relief granted by the court shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for any additional time, that it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse. The court may modify its order at any time upon motion of either party.

15 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 15-15-3(m)(2)

[District court]

Any relief granted by the court shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order upon motion of the plaintiff for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse. The court may modify its order at any time upon motion of either party.

8 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-3(n)

Temporary Orders

[Family court]

Every order granted without notice shall expire by its terms within any time after entry, not to exceed twenty-one (21) days, that the court fixes, unless within the time fixed the order, by consent or for good cause shown and after hearing of argument by the parties or counsel, is extended for an additional period.

Order duration:

Three (3) Years.

Temporary, ex parte order duration:

[Family Court]

Twenty-one (21) Days.

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15 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 15-15-4(a)(2)

Temporary Emergency Orders

(1) When the court is unavailable after the close of business, a family court judge may grant relief to the plaintiff as provided in this chapter.

(4) Any temporary order granted pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection expires at close of the next business day unless a longer time is granted by the family court judge.

15 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 15-15-4(b)(1), (4)

Temporary Orders

[District Court]

Every order granted without notice shall expire by its terms within the time after entry, not to exceed twenty-one (21) days, as the court fixes, unless within the time so fixed the order: (i) by consent, or (ii) due to a failure to make service of process upon the defendant despite diligent efforts, or (iii) for good cause shown and after hearing of argument by the parties or counsel, is extended for an additional period.

15 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-4(a)(2)

Temporary Emergency Orders

When the court is unavailable after the close of business a complaint may be filed before any available district court judge who may grant relief to the plaintiff under this chapter upon cause shown in an ex parte proceeding.

15 R.I. GEN. LAWS § 8-8.1-4(b)(1)(i), (b)(4)

Emergency Order duration:

[Family Court]

Expires the next business day

Temporary Order duration

[District Court]

Twenty-one (21) Days.

SOUTH CAROLINA

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S.C. CODE ANN. §§

20-4-50

20-4-70

16-3-1760

16-3-1780

Order of Protection

An order of protection issued under Section 20-4-60 must be for a fixed time not less than six months nor more than one year unless the parties have reconciled as evidenced by an order of dismissal and may be extended or terminated by order of the court upon motion by either party showing good cause with notice to the other party.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-70(A)

Note for Hearing

A respondent has the right to a hearing on the extension of an order issued pursuant to this section within thirty days of the date upon which the order will expire. If the parties reconcile, the issuing court may grant an order of dismissal without a hearing if the petitioner receiving the order of protection to be dismissed appears personally at the offices of the issuing court, shows proper identification, and signs a written request to dismiss based on the reconciliation.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-70(A)

Emergency Hearing on Petition for Order of Protection

(a) Within twenty-four hours after service of a petition under this chapter upon the respondent, the court may, for good cause shown, hold an emergency hearing and issue an order of protection if the petitioner proves the allegation of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence. A prima facie showing of immediate and present danger of bodily

Protection Order duration:

Six (6) Months – One (1) Year.

Hearing:

Emergency hearing to be held within 24 hours after service of the petition.
Full hearing to be held within fifteen (15) days after the filing of the petition

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injury, which may be verified by supporting affidavits, constitutes good cause for purposes of this section.

(b) If the court denies the motion for a twenty-four-hour hearing or such a hearing is not requested, the petitioner may request and the court must grant a hearing within fifteen days of the filing of a petition. The court must cause a copy of the petition to be served upon the respondent at least five days prior to the hearing, except as provided in subsection (a), in the same manner required for service in the circuit courts. Where service is not accomplished five days prior to the hearing, the respondent, upon his motion, is entitled to a continuance until such time is necessary to provide for compliance with this section.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 20-4-50

Restraining Order (Harassment/Stalking)

A restraining order must be for a fixed period not to exceed one year but may be extended by court order on a motion by the plaintiff, showing good cause, with notice to the defendant.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 16-3-1780(B)

Temporary Restraining Orders (Harassment/Stalking)

A temporary restraining order remains in effect until the hearing on the Rule to Show Cause why the order should not be extended for the full one-year period.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 16-3-1780(A)

Restraining Order (Harassment/Stalking) duration:

No more than one (1) year.

Temporary order duration:

Until the hearing date. Hearings must be held within 15 business days of filing of a complaint

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Hearing

The court shall hold a hearing on a motion for a restraining order within fifteen days of the filing of a complaint and motion, but not sooner than five days after service has been perfected upon the defendant.

S.C. CODE ANN. § 16-3-1760(D)

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S.D. CODIFIED LAWS §§

25-10-5

25-10-7

22-19A-11

22-19A-12

Protection Order

Any relief granted by the order for protection shall be for a fixed period and may not exceed five years.

S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25-10-5

Ex Parte Temporary Order

An ex parte temporary protection order is effective for a period of thirty days except as provided in § 25-10-7.1 unless for good cause the court grants a continuance. No continuance may exceed thirty days unless the court finds good cause for the additional continuance and:

- (1) The parties stipulate to an additional continuance; or
- (2) The court finds that law enforcement is unable to locate the respondent for purposes of service of the ex parte protection order. If a continuance is granted, the court by order shall extend the ex parte temporary protection order until the rescheduled hearing date.

S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 25-10-7

Protection Order (Stalking, physical injury as result of an assault, or crimes of violence)

Any relief granted by the order for protection shall be for a fixed period and may not exceed five years.

S.D. Codified Laws § 22-19A-11

Protection Order duration:

Five (5) Years.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Thirty (30) Days.

Protection Order (Stalking, physical injury as result of an assault, or crimes of violence) duration:

Five (5) Years.

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Ex Parte Temporary Order (Stalking, physical injury as result of an assault, or crimes of violence) pending full hearing on petition for protection

An ex parte temporary protection order is effective for a period of thirty days, except as provided in §22-19A-12.1, unless for good cause the court grants a continuance. No continuance may exceed thirty days unless the court finds good cause for the additional continuance and:

- (1) The parties stipulate to an additional continuance; or
- (2) The court finds that law enforcement is unable to locate the respondent for purposes of service of the ex parte protection order.

If a continuance is granted, the court by order shall extend the ex parte temporary protection order until the rescheduled hearing date.

S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 22-19A-12

Ex Parte Order (Stalking, physical injury as result of an assault, or crimes of violence) duration:

Thirty (30) Days.

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TENN. CODE ANN. §§

36-3-603

36-3-605

36-3-608

36-3-627

Orders of Protection

All orders of protection shall be effective for a fixed period of time, not to exceed one (1) year.

TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-608(a)

If an order of protection is in effect at the time either the petitioner or respondent files a complaint for divorce, the order of protection shall remain in effect until the court to which the divorce action is assigned:

- (1) Modifies the order;
- (2) Dissolves the order; or
- (3) Makes the order part of the divorce decree.

TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-603(a)

Ex Parte Protection Order

(a) Upon the filing of a petition under this part, the courts may immediately, for good cause shown, issue an ex parte order of protection. An immediate and present danger of abuse to the petitioner shall constitute good cause for purposes of this section.

(b) Within fifteen (15) days of service of such order on the respondent under this part, a hearing must be held, at which time the court shall either dissolve any ex parte order that has been issued, or shall, if the petitioner has proved the allegation of domestic abuse, stalking, sexual exploitation of a minor, sexual assault, or a human trafficking offense by a preponderance of the evidence, extend the order of protection for a definite period of time, not to exceed one (1) year, unless a further hearing on the

Order Duration:

One (1) Year.

Duration in the case of divorce:

Until modified, dissolved, or incorporated into a divorce decree by the court.

Ex Parte Protection Order duration:

Until a hearing is held. Hearings must be held within fifteen (15) days.

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continuation of such order is requested by the respondent or the petitioner; in which case, on proper showing of cause, such order may be continued for a further definite period of one (1) year, after which time a further hearing must be held for any subsequent one-year period. Any ex parte order of protection must be in effect until the time of the hearing, and, if the hearing is held within fifteen (15) days of service of such order, then the ex parte order must continue in effect until the entry of any subsequent order of protection issued pursuant to § 36-3-609. If no ex parte order of protection has been issued as of the time of the hearing, and the petitioner has proven the allegation of domestic abuse, stalking, sexual exploitation of a minor, sexual assault, or a human trafficking offense by a preponderance of the evidence, then the court may, at that time, issue an order of protection for a definite period of time, not to exceed one (1) year.

TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-605

Lifetime Order of Protection

(a)(1) Notwithstanding § 36-3-608, a victim of any of the following offenses may file a petition for a lifetime order of protection against the offender who was convicted of the offense:

- (A) A felony offense under title 39, chapter 13, part 1, 2, 3, or 5;
- (B) Harassment under § 39-17-308(b); or
- (C) Aggravated stalking or especially aggravated stalking under § 39-17-315(c) or (d).

TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-627

At the hearing on the petition, the court shall, if the

Lifetime Order of Protection Duration:

In effect until the death of the petitioner or the respondent.

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petitioner has proved the respondent was convicted of an offense listed in subsection (a) and that the petitioner was the victim of the offense, issue a lifetime order of protection that remains in effect until the death of the petitioner or the respondent. If the petitioner has not provided proof that respondent was convicted of such an offense and that the petitioner was the victim of the offense, the court shall dismiss the petition.

TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-627(e)

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TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. §§

85.002

85.025

TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art.

7B.007

17.292

Protective Order

Except as otherwise provided by this section, an order under this subtitle is effective:

- (1) for the period stated in the order, not to exceed two years; or
 - (2) if a period is not stated in the order, until the second anniversary of the date the order was issued.
- (a-1) The court may render a protective order sufficient to protect the applicant and members of the applicant's family or household that is effective for a period that exceeds two years if the court finds that the person who is the subject of the protective order:
- (1) committed an act constituting a felony offense involving family violence against the applicant or a member of the applicant's family or household, regardless of whether the person has been charged with or convicted of the offense;
 - (2) caused serious bodily injury to the applicant or a member of the applicant's family or household; or
 - (3) was the subject of two or more previous protective orders rendered:
 - (A) to protect the person on whose behalf the current protective order is sought; and
 - (B) after a finding by the court that the subject of the protective order has committed family violence.

TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 85.025(a)

Temporary Ex Parte Order

A temporary ex parte order is valid for the period specified in the order, not to exceed 20 days.

TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 85.002(a)

Order duration:

Two (2) Years; or longer if certain criteria are met.

Temporary Ex Parte Order duration:

Not to exceed 20 days

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Protective Order (Sexual Assault, Trafficking, Stalking)

(a) A protective order issued under Article 7B.003 may be effective for the duration of the lives of the offender and victim or for any shorter period stated in the order. If a period is not stated in the order, the order is effective until the second anniversary of the date the order was issued.

(a-1) The court shall issue a protective order effective for the duration of the lives of the offender and victim if the offender is:

- (1) convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for an offense listed in Article 7B.001(a)(1) or (2); and
- (2) required under Chapter 62 to register for life as a sex offender.

TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 7B.007

Magistrate Order for Emergency Protection

(j) An order for emergency protection issued under this article is effective on issuance, and the defendant shall be served a copy of the order by the magistrate or the magistrate's designee in person or electronically. The magistrate shall make a separate record of the service in written or electronic format. An order for emergency protection issued under Subsection (a) or (b)(1) of this article remains in effect up to the 61st day but not less than 31 days after the date of issuance. An order for emergency protection issued under Subsection (b)(2) of this article remains in effect up to the 91st day but not less than 61 days after the date of issuance. After notice to each affected

Protective Order (Sexual Assault, Trafficking, Stalking) duration:

Lifetime, or shorter

Magistrate Order for Emergency Protection duration:

Effective upon issuance and remains in effect up to the 61st day, but not less than the 31 days after the date of issuance.

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	<p>party and a hearing, the issuing court may modify all or part of an order issued under this article upon court findings.</p> <p>TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 17.292(j)</p>	

UTAH

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UTAH CODE ANN. §§

78B-7-604

78B-7-606

78B-7-405

78B-7-701

78B-7-505

Protective Order (Cohabitant)

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) and subject to the other provisions of this section, a cohabitant abuse protective order automatically expires three years after the day on which the cohabitant abuse protective order is entered.

(b)(i) The civil provisions of a cohabitant abuse protective order described in Section 78B-7-603 expires 150 days after the day on which the cohabitant abuse protective order is entered, unless the court finds good cause for extending the expiration date of the civil provisions.

(ii) Unless a motion under this section is granted, a court may not extend the civil provisions of a cohabitant abuse protective order for more than three years after the day on which the cohabitant abuse protective order is entered.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-606(1)(a)-(b)

Hearing on the Petition for Cohabitant Abuse Protection Order

The court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition for a cohabitant abuse protective order to be held within 21 days after the day on which the court issues an ex parte cohabitant abuse protective order.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-604(1)(a)

Under no circumstances may an ex parte cohabitant abuse protective order be extended beyond 180 days from the day on which the court issues the initial ex parte cohabitant abuse protective order.

Protective Order duration:

Three (3) years, except for civil provisions which expire after 150 days.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Twenty (21) Days, extension not to exceed 180 days.

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UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-604(1)(c)(ii)

Dating Violence Protective Order

A dating violence protective order remains in effect for three years after the day on which the court issues the order.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-405(1)(e)

Ex Parte Dating Violence Protective Order

(a) The court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition for a dating violence protective order to be held within 21 days after the day on which the court issues an ex parte dating violence protective order.

(b) If, at the hearing described in Subsection (1)(a), the court does not issue a dating violence protective order, the ex parte dating protective order shall expire, unless extended by the court.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-405(1)(a)-(b)

(ii) Under no circumstances may an ex parte dating violence protective order be extended beyond 180 days from the day on which the court issues the initial ex parte dating violence protective order.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-405(1)(c)(ii)

Stalking Protective Order

If the respondent fails to request a hearing within ten days after the day on which the ex parte civil stalking injunction is served, the ex parte civil stalking injunction is automatically modified to a civil stalking injunction without further notice to the respondent and the civil stalking injunction expires three years after the day on which the ex parte civil stalking injunction is served.

Dating Violence Protective order duration:

Three (3) years

Ex Parte Dating Violence Order duration:

Twenty (21) Days, extension not to exceed 180 days.

Stalking Protective Order duration:

Three (3) years.

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UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-701(4)(b)(iii)**Civil Ex Parte Stalking Injunction**

If no hearing is requested in writing by the respondent within ten days after the day on which the ex parte civil stalking injunction is served, the ex parte civil stalking injunction automatically becomes a civil stalking injunction without further notice to the respondent and expires three years after the day on which the ex parte civil stalking injunction is served.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-701(6)(c)

If the respondent requests a hearing after the 10-day period after service, the court shall set a hearing within a reasonable time from the date requested.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-701(7)(a)**Sexual Violence Protective Order**

A sexual violence protective order remains in effect for three years after the day on which the court issues the order.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-505 (1)(e)**Ex Parte Sexual Violence Protective Order**

(a) The court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition for a sexual violence protective order to be held within 21 days after the day on which the court issues an ex parte protective order.

(b) If, at the hearing described in Subsection (1)(a), the court does not issue a sexual violence protective order, the ex parte sexual protective order expires, unless extended by the court.

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-505(1)**Hearing on Petition:**

If respondent requests a hearing within 10 days of service of the petition, the court shall set a hearing within a reasonable time.

Sexual Violence Protective Order duration:

3 years

Ex Parte Sexual Violence Protective Order duration:

21 days

VERMONT

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VT. STAT. ANN.
tit.15, § 1103
tit.15, § 1104
tit.12, § 5133
tit.12, § 5134

Abuse Prevention Orders

Relief shall be granted for a fixed period, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff, the children, or both, from abuse.

VT. STAT. ANN. tit.15, § 1103(e)

Ex Parte Temporary Abuse Prevention Order

Every order issued under this section shall inform the defendant that if he or she fails to appear at the final hearing, the temporary order will remain in effect until the final order is served on the defendant unless the temporary order is dismissed by the court... This opportunity to contest shall be scheduled as soon as reasonably possible, which in no event shall be more than 14 days from the date of issuance of the order.

VT. STAT. ANN. tit.15, § 1104(b)

Order Against Stalking or Sexual Assault

Relief shall be granted for a fixed period, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or the plaintiff's children, or both.

VT. STAT. ANN. tit.12, § 5133(e)

Order duration:

A fixed period as the Court deems appropriate.

Hearing:

Fourteen (14) days from issuance of ex parte order.

Order Against Stalking or Sexual Assault duration:

A fixed period as the Court deems appropriate.

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Ex Parte Temporary Order Against Stalking or Sexual Assault

This opportunity to contest shall be scheduled as soon as reasonably possible, which in no event shall be more than 14 days from the date of issuance of the order.

Vt. STAT. ANN. tit.12, § 5134(b)

Hearing:

Fourteen (14) days from issuance of ex parte order.

VIRGINIA

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VA. CODE §§

16.1-279.1

(with changes effective July 1, 2025)

16.1-253.1

16.1-253.4

19.2-152.8

19.2-152.9

19.2-152.10

Protective order in cases of family abuse

The protective order may be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of two years. However, if the court finds, based upon evidence presented, that the respondent has been subject to a previous order issued within 10 years pursuant to this section, the protective order may be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of four years. The protective order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day specified or at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the two-year or four-year period if no date is specified.

VA. CODE § 16.1-279.1(B)(1)

Preliminary Protective Order in cases of family abuse

The hearing shall be held within 15 days of the issuance of the preliminary order, unless the court is closed pursuant to §16.1 – 69.35 or 17.1 -207 and such closure prevents the hearing from being held within such time period, in which case the hearing shall be held on the next day not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which the court is lawfully closed. If the respondent fails to appear at this hearing because the respondent was not personally served, or if personally served was incarcerated and not transported to the hearing, the court may extend the protective order for a period not to exceed six months.

VA. CODE ANN. § 16.1-253.1(B)

Protective Order (family abuse) duration:

Two to Four (2-4) Years.

Preliminary Protective Order (family abuse) duration:

Fifteen (15) Days.

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Emergency Protective Order (family abuse)

An emergency protective order issued pursuant to this section shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the third day following issuance. If the expiration occurs on a day that the court is not in session, the emergency protective order shall be extended until 11:59 p.m. on the next day that the juvenile and domestic relations district court is in session.

VA. CODE ANN. § 16.1-253.4(C)

General District Court:

Protective Order

Except as provided in subsection C, the protective order may be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of two years.

VA. CODE ANN. § 19.2-152.10(B)(1)

Upon conviction for an act of violence as defined in § 19.2-297.1 and upon the request of the victim or of the attorney for the Commonwealth on behalf of the victim, the court may issue a protective order to the victim pursuant to this chapter to protect the health and safety of the victim. The protective order may be issued for any reasonable period of time, including up to the lifetime of the defendant, that the court deems necessary to protect the health and safety of the victim. The protective order shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the last day specified in the protective order, if any.

VA. CODE ANN. § 19.2-152.10(C)

Preliminary Protective Order

The preliminary order shall specify a date for the

Emergency Protective Order (family abuse) duration:

Third (3) day following issuance.

Protective Order duration:

Two (2) Years or permanent with certain conviction.

Preliminary Protective Order duration:

Fifteen (15) Days.

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full hearing. The hearing shall be held within 15 days of the issuance of the preliminary order, unless the hearing has been continued pursuant to this subsection or the court is closed pursuant to § 16.1-69.35 or 17.1-207 and such closure prevents the hearing from being held within such time period, in which case the hearing shall be held on the next day not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which the court is lawfully closed. If such court is closed pursuant to § 16.1-69.35 or 17.1-207, the preliminary protective order shall remain in full force and effect until it is dissolved by such court, until another preliminary protective order is entered, or until a protective order is entered.

VA. CODE ANN. § 19.2-152.9(B)

Emergency Protective Order

An emergency protective order issued pursuant to this section shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the third day following issuance. If the expiration occurs on a day that the court is not in session, the emergency protective order shall be extended until 11:59 p.m. on the next day that the court which issued the order is in session.

VA. CODE ANN. § 19.2-152.8

Emergency Protective Order duration:

Third (3) day following issuance.

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**WASH. REV. CODE §§
7.105.315
7.105.305**

Civil Protection Order

(1) When issuing an order after notice to the respondent and a hearing, the court may either grant relief for a fixed period of time or enter a permanent order of protection. Other than for antiharassment orders, the court shall not grant relief for less than one year unless the petitioner has specifically requested relief for a shorter period of time.

(2)(a) If a protection order restrains the respondent from contacting the respondent's minor children, the restraint must be for a fixed period not to exceed one year. This limitation is not applicable to protection orders issued under chapter 26.09, 26.26A, or 26.26B RCW.

(b) If the petitioner has petitioned for relief on behalf of the respondent's minor children, the court shall advise the petitioner that if the petitioner wants to continue protection for a period beyond one year, the petitioner may either petition for renewal pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or may seek relief pursuant to the provisions of chapter 26.09, 26.26A, or 26.26B RCW.

WASH. REV. CODE § 7.105.315

Ex parte temporary order for protection

Where it appears from the petition and any additional evidence that the respondent has engaged in conduct against the petitioner that serves as a basis for a protection order under this chapter, and the petitioner alleges that serious immediate harm or irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued immediately without prior notice to the

Civil Protection Order duration:

Fixed period that court deems appropriate or permanent

Hearing:

Not later than fourteen (14) days.

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respondent, the court may grant an ex parte temporary protection order, pending a full hearing.

WASH. REV. CODE § 7.105.305(1)

Hearing:

If a full hearing is set on a petition that is filed before close of business on a judicial day, the hearing must be set not later than 14 days from the date of the filing of the petition. If a full hearing is set on a petition that is submitted after close of business on a judicial day or is submitted on a nonjudicial day, the hearing must be set not later than 14 days from the first judicial day after the petition is filed, which may be extended for good cause.

WASH. REV. CODE § 7.105.305(4)

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**W. VA. CODE §§
48-27-505
48-27-403**

Protective Order

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), section four hundred one of this article, a protective order, entered by the family court pursuant to this article, is effective for either ninety days or one hundred eighty days, in the discretion of the court. Upon receipt of a written request for renewal from the petitioner prior to the expiration of the original order, the family court shall extend its order for an additional ninety-day period.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the court may enter a protective order for a period of one year if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence, after a hearing that . . . aggravating factors are present. . .

W. VA. CODE § 48-27-505

Emergency Protective Order

An emergency protective order is effective until modified by order of the family court upon hearing as provided in subsection (d) of this section. The order is in full force and effect in every county in this State.

W. VA. CODE § 48-27-403(a)

Hearing:

The hearing shall be scheduled not later than 10 days following the entry of the order by the magistrate.

W. VA. CODE § 48-27-403(d)

Protective Order duration:

Ninety (90) or One hundred eighty (180) Days or one year

Emergency Order duration:

Until modified by the Court.

Hearing:

Not later than ten (10) days following entry of emergency order

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WIS. STAT. §§

813.12

813.122

813.125

Injunction

An injunction under this subsection is effective according to its terms, for the period of time that the petitioner requests, but not more than 4 years, except as provided in par.(d). An injunction granted under this subsection is not voided if the petitioner allows or initiates contact with the respondent or by the admittance of the respondent into a dwelling that the injunction directs him or her to avoid.

WIS. STAT. § 813.12(4)(c)(1)

Temporary Restraining order

The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on issuance of an injunction under sub. (4), except that the court may extend the temporary restraining order under s. 813.1285. The temporary restraining order is not voided if the respondent is admitted into a dwelling that the order directs him or her to avoid. A judge or circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing on issuance of an injunction within 14 days after the temporary restraining order is issued, unless the time is extended upon the written consent of the parties, extended under s. 801.58 (2m), or extended once for 14 days upon a finding that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order although the petitioner has exercised due diligence. A judge or court commissioner may not extend the temporary restraining order in lieu of ruling on the issuance of an injunction.

WIS. STAT. § 813.12(3)(c)

Injunction duration:

Four (4) Years.

Temporary Restraining Order duration:

Max of fourteen (14) days.

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Temporary Restraining Order (Harassment)

The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on issuance of an injunction under sub. (4), except that the court may extend the temporary restraining order under s. 813.1285. A judge or circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing on issuance of an injunction within 14 days after the temporary restraining order is issued, unless the time is extended upon the written consent of the parties, extended under s. 801.58 (2m), or extended once for 14 days upon a finding that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order although the petitioner has exercised due diligence. A judge or court commissioner may not extend the temporary restraining order in lieu of ruling on the issuance of an injunction.

Wis. STAT. § 813.125(3)(c)

Injunction (Harassment)

An injunction under this subsection is effective according to its terms, but for not more than 4 years, except as provided in par.

Wis. STAT. § 813.125(4)(c)

Temporary Restraining Order (Child Abuse)

The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on issuance of an injunction under sub. (5), except that the court may extend the temporary restraining order under s. [813.1285](#). A judge shall hold a hearing on issuance of an injunction within 14 days after the temporary restraining order is issued, unless the

Injunction duration; harassment:

Four (4) Years.

Temporary Order (harassment) duration:

Max fourteen (14) days.

Temporary Restraining Order (Child Abuse) duration:

In effect until a hearing is held on issuance of an injunction—may be extended.

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time is extended upon the written consent of the parties, extended under s. [801.58 \(2m\)](#), or extended once for 14 days upon a finding that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order although the petitioner has exercised due diligence. A judge or court commissioner may not extend the temporary restraining order in lieu of ruling on the issuance of an injunction.

WIS. STAT. § 813.122(4)(c)

Injunction (Child Abuse)

d)1. An injunction under this subsection is effective according to its terms, but, except as provided in par. (dm), for not more than 2 years or until the child victim attains 18 years of age, whichever occurs first.

2. When an injunction expires, the court shall extend the injunction if the petitioner states that an extension is necessary to protect the child victim. This extension shall remain in effect until 6 months after the date the court first entered the injunction or until the child attains 18 years of age, whichever occurs first, except as provided in par. (dm).

WIS. STAT. § 813.122(5)(d)(1),(2)

Note:

A judge may, upon issuing an injunction or granting an extension of an injunction issued under this subsection, order that the injunction is in effect for not more than 5 years, if the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence stated on the record, that any of the following is true:

Injunction (Child Abuse) duration:

No more than 2 years or until the child victim attains 18 years of age, whichever occurs first.

An extension remains in effect for not more than 5 years.

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a. There is a substantial risk that the respondent may commit first-degree intentional homicide under s. 940.01, or 2nd-degree intentional homicide under s. 940.05, against the child victim.

b. There is a substantial risk that the respondent may commit sexual assault under s. 940.225 (1), (2), or (3), or under s. 948.02 (1) or (2), against the child victim.

Wis. STAT. § 813.122(5)(dm)

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WYO. STAT. ANN. §
35-21-104
35-21-106
7-3-510

Order of Protection

Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an order of protection granted by the court under W.S. 35-21-105 shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-106(b)

Hearing after Temporary Order of Protection

Upon the filing of a petition for order of protection, the court shall:

...

(iii) hold a hearing on the petition within ten (10) days after the granting of the temporary order of protection or as soon thereafter as the petition may be heard by the court on the question of continuing the order;

(iv) If an ex parte order is not granted, serve notice to appear upon the parties and hold a hearing on the petition for order of protection within ten (10) days after the filing of the petition or as soon thereafter as the petition may be heard by the court.

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-104(a)

Note:

The set hearing under Wyo. Stat. § 35-21-104(a) of ten (10) days becomes effective July, 1 2025. Hearings before July 1st of 2025 are set to be held within 72 hours.

Order of Protection duration:

Three (3) Years.

Hearing:

Ten (10) days.

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Order of Protection (Stalking and Sexual Assault)

Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an order of protection granted by the court under W.S. 7-3-509 shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years.

Wyo. STAT. ANN. § 7-3-510

Order (stalking and sexual assault) duration:

Three (3) Years.

AMERICAN SAMOA

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AM. SAMOA CODE ANN. §§

47.0203

47.0204

47.0205

Protection orders (ex parte and final order)

An order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing or a modification of an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing is effective until further order of the court.

AM. SAMOA CODE ANN. § 47.0204(e)

Hearing:

A hearing on the petition must be set within 10 days of filing if an ex parte order is issued.

AM. SAMOA CODE ANN. § 47.0205(b)

Emergency protective orders

(e) An emergency order for protection expires 72 hours after issuance.

AM. SAMOA CODE ANN. § 47.0203(e)

Protection orders (ex parte and final order)

Effective until further order of the court.

Hearing:

Within ten (10) days of filing if ex parte order is issued.

Emergency protective order duration:

Seventy-two (72) hours after issuance.

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7 GUAM CODE ANN. §§

40105

40107

40A105

40A106

40B105

40B106

19 GUAM CODE ANN. §

13315

Protection Order

(b) Any protection order or approved consent agreement *shall* be for a fixed period of time as the court deems appropriate.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40105(b)

Emergency Protection Order

Any order issued under subsection (a) shall expire as of the resumption of business of the court at the beginning of the week or within seventy-two (72) hours, whichever occurs sooner, at which time the plaintiff may seek a temporary order from the court.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40107(b)

Ex parte Protection Order (child abuse)

An order of protection granted ex parte pursuant to subsection (g) of § 13302 shall expire in three working days after a child is taken into protective custody.

19 GUAM CODE ANN. § 13315(b)

Sexual Offense Protection Order:

Upon receipt of the petition, the court shall order a hearing which shall be held no later than ten (10) days from the date of the order. A plaintiff or witness in a protective order case may request, without the need for a motion, or good cause determination, that the court allow appearance by telephone, videoconference, or by other two (2)-way electronic communication device. The court shall consider whether the safety or welfare of the plaintiff or witness would be threatened if testimony were required to be provided in person at a proceeding. The

Protection Order duration:

Fixed period of time as court deems appropriate

Emergency Protection Order duration:

72 hours or the resumption of business of the court at the beginning of the week, whichever is sooner.

Ex Parte Protection Order (child abuse)

Three (3) days

Hearing:

No later than ten (10) days.

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court may issue an *ex parte* temporary sexual offense protection order pending the hearing as provided in § 40A108 of this Chapter.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40A105

(e) Any protection order shall be for a fixed period of time as the court deems appropriate. The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent petition or motion filed by either party.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40A106(e)

Stalking Protection Order

Upon receipt of the petition, the court shall order a hearing which shall be held no later than ten (10) days from the date of the order... The court may issue an *ex parte* temporary order pending the hearing as provided in § 40B107 of this Chapter.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40B105

Any protection order shall be for a fixed period of time as the court deems appropriate. The court may not terminate or modify an existing stalking protection order unless the respondent proves by a preponderance of the evidence that there has been a substantial change in circumstances such that the respondent will not resume acts of stalking conduct against the petitioner or those persons protected by the protection order if the order is terminated or modified.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40B106(d)

Ex-Parte Stalking Protection Order:

Where it appears from the petition and any additional evidence that the respondent has engaged in stalking

Sexual Offense Protection Order duration:

Effective for a fixed period of time as the court deems appropriate.

Hearing:

No later than ten (10) days.

Stalking Protection Order duration:

Effective for a fixed period of time as the court deems appropriate.

Ex Parte Stalking Protection Order duration:

Effective for a fixed period, pending a full hearing, as the court deems appropriate.

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conduct and that irreparable injury could result if an order is not issued immediately without prior notice, the court may grant an ex parte temporary order for protection, pending a full hearing, and grant such injunctive relief as it deems proper, including the relief as specified under § 40B106(b)(1)-(4) of this Chapter.

7 GUAM CODE ANN. § 40B107(a)

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8 N. MAR. I. CODE §§ 1916 1917	<p>Order for Protection (Ex parte or upon notice) An order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing or a modification of an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and hearing is effective until further order of the court. 8 N. MAR. I. CODE § 1916(e)</p> <p>Hearing Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), if a court issues an order for protection ex parte or a modification of an order for protection ex parte and the court provides relief pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 1916, the court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition. The hearing must be held within ten days after the order has been served upon the respondent. 8 N. Mar. I. Code § 1917</p>	<p>Order for Protection (Ex parte or upon notice) duration: Effective until further order of the court</p> <p>Hearing: Ten (10) days after ex parte order for protection issued</p>

PUERTO RICO

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P. R. LAWS ANN. tit.8, §§
625
626

Protective Order

Every restraining order shall specifically state the determinations of the court, the remedies prescribed, and the term of its effectiveness.

P. R. LAWS ANN. tit.8, § 626(a)

Ex Parte Order

Whenever the court issues an ex parte protective order, it shall do so provisionally, and shall immediately serve the respondent with a copy thereof or otherwise, within a term that shall not exceed forty-eight (48) hours, and shall afford the respondent an opportunity to object to it. To such effect, it shall docket a hearing to be held within twenty (20) days following the issuance of said ex parte order, unless the respondent requests an extension to such effect. During said hearing, the court may render the order without effect or extend the effect thereof for the term it deems necessary. The failure to serve the order within forty-eight (48) hours as established herein shall not render said order without effect.

P.R. LAWS ANN. tit.8, § 625

Order duration:

As determined by the court.

Ex Parte Order duration:

Hearing to be held within twenty (20) days.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

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V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 16 §§

97

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Restraining Order

Any Order issued under this section shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed twenty-four months, except that such Order may be extended, renewed, or modified by Order of the Court upon good cause shown.

V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 16 § 97(d)

Temporary Restraining Order

A Temporary Restraining Order shall remain in effect until further action by the Court, but not for more than ten days after it has been issued; Provided, however, That on 24 hours notice to the plaintiff, the defendant may appear and move for its dissolution or modification and, in that event, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine such motion as expeditiously as the ends of justice require.

V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 16 § 98(d)

Order duration:

Not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

Temporary Restraining Order duration:

Ten (10) Days.

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