

Appendix N

State Law Definitions of Domestic Violence Include Child Abuse¹

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National Overview:

Comparing State Law Definitions of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

The purpose of the chart is to assist judges in identifying how in the vast majority of states child abuse is included in the definitions of domestic violence. If child abuse is included under the domestic violence state law definition and the child (or the child's parent, or custodian, or guardian) can apply for a civil protection order, such order can include findings for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) purposes.

The potential victims of domestic violence who are typically included under state domestic violence laws are:

- Spouses
- Ex-spouses,
- Present spouses of ex-spouses
- Parents, including grandparents, stepparents, adoptive parents and foster parents,
- Children, including grandchildren, stepchildren, adopted children and foster children,
- Persons otherwise related by blood or marriage
- Persons living in the same household or who formerly lived in the same household, and
- Persons who are the biological parents of the same child, regardless of their marital status, or whether they have lived together at any time.

Most of the state definitions of domestic violence are in family law protection order codes and criminal codes. Perpetrators of domestic violence that subject children to any one of the multiple forms of abuse described in the state domestic violence statutes are committing acts that also constitute child abuse under state law.³ Definitions of domestic abuse can include:

- Threatening to cause, attempting to cause or causing physical harm, bodily injury or assault;
- Placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm;
- Causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress;

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³ To see the state law definitions of domestic violence and the children covered in this chart compare *Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse*, in NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS BENCH BOOK: A NATIONAL GUIDE TO BEST PRACTICES FOR JUDGES AND COURTS 1-33 (2017) [hereinafter SIJS Bench Book], <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>

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- Stalking
- Harassment
- Criminal damage to property

In addition to physical battery and sexual abuse, the domestic violence definition under immigration law explicitly includes “acts that, in and of themselves, may not initially appear violent but that is a part of an overall pattern of violence.”⁴ In domestic violence relationships children can be witnesses to the abuse of their parent and/or suffer direct abuse themselves. Many battered immigrant women are the primary caretakers of their children and research have found that 60% of households where immigrant women face abuse, their children are also victims of abuse.⁵ Both witnessing and experiencing domestic violence have a negative impact on a child’s health, brain, and emotional development, particularly when such violence is long-term or continuing. As such, children or adolescents who experience domestic abuse may be developmentally behind children or adolescents of the same age without a history of trauma.⁶

When an immigrant child who is not a US citizen or lawful permanent resident, has experienced and/or witnessed domestic violence in the home, including SIJS findings in court orders promotes children’s welfare, stability, health, and healing. When including SIJS findings in court orders in domestic violence cases, best practices involve the court citing and applying the state child abuse statute in the order in addition to citing the state civil protection order or criminal domestic violence statutes. In addition to any domestic violence findings, clearly describing the facts of violence and abuse that the child suffered as child abuse under state child abuse laws strengthens the usefulness of the court’s order for SIJS purposes. For courts hearing criminal child abuse cases involving immigrant children who have suffered child abuse perpetrated by a parent, it is particularly important that the criminal court identify an avenue to issue a criminal protection order which provides the criminal court a vehicle in which the court can address the abused immigrant child’s custody or placement. The court can include in the criminal protection order issued the SIJS findings.

This chart will be useful to judges in a number of contexts. These include courts issuing SIJS findings, civil protection orders, child custody and other family law cases that involve domestic violence and child abuse as defined under state law. In SIJS cases the charts below point out important similarities between state domestic violence and child abuse statutes which provide opportunities for courts to craft orders including SIJS findings.

Including this detail in state court orders helps inform United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USICS) adjudicators that under state law the facts of the domestic violence perpetrated against a child is child abuse. This is important because it helps USCIS adjudicators who see court orders from every U.S. state and jurisdiction clearly understand that although the abuse suffered by the child constituted domestic violence under state law, those same factual findings of abuse suffered by the child also meet the state law’s definition of child abuse. Having this level of clarity prevents USCIS from having to adjudicate whether the state domestic violence law is similar to

⁴ DHS Immigration Regulations, 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1) (2007).

⁵ Kathleen Sullivan & Leslye Orloff, BREAKING BARRIERS: A COMPLETE GUIDE TO LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESOURCES FOR BATTERED IMMIGRANTS 4 (2013), <http://library.niwap.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/pdf/FAM-Manual-Full-BreakingBarriers07.13.pdf>.

⁶ For a discussion of the impact of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and trauma on children see Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Alina Husain, Giselle Hass & Leslye E. Orloff, Appendix E: *Understanding the Significance of a Minor’s Trauma History in Family Court Rulings*, in SIJS Bench Book (Sept. 26, 2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/effects-of-trauma-on-minors-fact-sheet>.

the state child abuse law. This chart will also be useful to judges, their clerks and court staff in many types of family law cases. When state statutes are similar, case law in one jurisdiction can provide persuasive authority for interpreting the state’s domestic violence or child abuse statutes that could be useful to state courts in a wide range of family court proceedings.

The research contained in the chart below found that the vast majority of states law definitions of domestic violence include child abuse as one of the acts perpetrated against a family member that are sufficient to serve as a basis for issuance of a civil or criminal protection order or are domestic violence crimes. Each state’s domestic violence statute describes the types of violence and abuse covered by the statute and the relationships between victims and perpetrators that are covered by the state domestic violence statute. Most states statute include children as one of the relationships protected by the states’ domestic violence statutes.⁷

**Chart Comparing State Laws:
Domestic Violence Protection Orders, Criminal Domestic Violence and Child Abuse**

Jurisdiction	Parent-Child Relationship Covered By The Domestic Violence Statute?	Text Defining Relationships Covered By State Domestic Violence Statutes	Text of Statute Covering Acts That Constitute Child Abuse	Domestic Violence Protection Order Statutes
Alabama	Yes	<p>Criminal Code - Domestic Violence – Ala. Code § 13A-6-139.1</p> <p>(3) Victim. An individual who is related to the person who commits an act of domestic violence in any of the following ways:</p> <p>a. Is related by marriage to the defendant, including a common law marriage. [...]</p> <p>g. An individual who is a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild and who is in or has maintained a living arrangement with the defendant.</p> <p>Marital and Domestic Relations - Protection from Abuse – Ala. Code § 30-5-2 (7)(g)</p> <p>The text of the statute is the same as above.</p>	<p>Criminal Code - Domestic Violence – Ala. Code § 13A-6-139.1</p> <p>(2) Domestic violence. Any of the following acts committed against a victim:</p> <p>d. Child Abuse. Torture or willful abuse of a child, aggravated child abuse, or chemical endangerment of a child [...]</p> <p>Marital and Domestic Relations - Protection from Abuse – Ala. Code § 30-5-2 (1)</p> <p>(1) Abuse. An act of domestic violence committed against a victim, which is any of the following:</p> <p>d. Child abuse. Torture or willful abuse of a child, aggravated child abuse, or chemical endangerment of a child as provided in Chapter 15, commencing with Section 26-15-1, of Title 26, known as the Alabama Child Abuse Act.</p>	<p>Ala. Code § 30-5-2</p> <p>(5) Protection order. Any order of protection from abuse issued under this chapter for the purpose of preventing acts of abuse as defined in this chapter.</p>
Alaska	Yes	Health, Safety, Housing, Human Rights, and Public Defender.	Health, Safety, Housing, Human Rights, and Public Defender.	Health, Safety, Housing, Human Rights, and

⁷ All states and U.S. jurisdictions include children except Iowa, Maine, Oregon, South Carolina, and Wyoming.

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		<p>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – Alaska Stat. Ann. § 18.66.990</p> <p>(5) “household member” includes (A) adults or minors who are current or former spouses; (B) adults or minors who live together or who have lived together; (C) adults or minors who are dating or who have dated; (D) adults or minors who are engaged in or who have engaged in a sexual relationship; (E) adults or minors who are related to each other up to the fourth degree of consanguinity, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, computed under the rules of civil law; (G) persons who have a child of the relationship; and (H) minor children of a person in a relationship that is described in (A)-(G) of this paragraph</p>	<p>Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – Alaska Stat. Ann. § 18.66.990</p> <p>(3) “domestic violence” and “crime involving domestic violence” mean one or more of the following offenses or an offense under a law or ordinance of another jurisdiction having elements similar to these offenses, or an attempt to commit the offense, by a household member against another household member: (A) a crime against the person under AS 11.41; (B) burglary under AS 11.46.300--11.46.310; (C) criminal trespass under AS 11.46.320--11.46.330; (D) arson or criminally negligent burning under AS 11.46.400--11.46.430; (E) criminal mischief under AS 11.46.475--11.46.486; (F) terrorist threatening under AS 11.56.807 or 11.56.810; (G) violating a protective order under AS 11.56.740(a)(1); (H) harassment under AS 11.61.120(a)(2)--(4); or (I) cruelty to animals under AS 11.61.140(a)(5) if the animal is a pet.</p>	<p>Public Defender. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Protective Orders. - Alaska Stat. Ann. § 18.66.100</p> <p>(a) A person who is or has been a victim of a crime involving domestic violence may file a petition in the district or superior court for a protective order against a household member. A parent, guardian, or other representative appointed by the court under this section may file a petition for a protective order on behalf of a minor</p>
Arizona	Yes	<p>Criminal Code - Domestic Violence – Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3601</p> <p>A. “Domestic violence” means any act that is a dangerous crime against children as defined in section 13-705 or [...] if any of the following applies: 4. The victim is related to the defendant or the defendant's spouse by blood or court order as a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother or sister or by marriage as a parent-in-law, grandparent-in-law, stepparent, step-grandparent, stepchild, step-</p>	<p>Criminal Code - Domestic Violence - Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3601</p> <p>A. "Domestic violence" means any act that is a dangerous crime against children as defined in section 13-705 or an offense prescribed in section 13-1102, 13-1103, 13-1104, 13-1105, 13-1201, 13-1202, 13-1203, 13-1204, 13-1302, 13-1303, 13-1304, 13-1406, 13-1425, 13-1502, 13-1503, 13-1504, 13-1602 or 13-2810, section 13-2904, subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 3 or 6, section 13-2910, subsection A, paragraph 8 or 9, section 13-2915, subsection A, paragraph 3 or section 13-2916, 13-2921, 13-2921.01, 13-</p>	<p>Criminal Code - Family Offenses - Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-3602</p> <p>A. A person may file a verified petition, as in civil actions, with a magistrate, justice of the peace or superior court judge for an order of protection for the purpose of restraining a person from committing an act included in domestic violence[...]</p>
Arizona				

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		<p>grandchild, brother-in-law or sister-in-law.</p> <p>5. The victim is a child who resides or has resided in the same household as the defendant and is related by blood to a former spouse of the defendant or to a person who resides or who has resided in the same household as the defendant.</p>	<p>2923, 13-3019, 13-3601.02 or 13-3623, if any of the following applies:</p>	
Arkansas	Yes	<p>Family Law - Domestic Abuse Act – Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-103</p> <p>(4) “Family or household members” means spouses, former spouses, parents and children, persons related by blood within the fourth degree of consanguinity, in-laws, any children residing in the household, persons who presently or in the past have resided or cohabited together, persons who have or have had a child in common, and persons who are presently or in the past have been in a dating relationship together.</p>	<p>Family Law - Domestic Abuse Act - Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-103</p> <p>(3) “Domestic abuse” means: (A) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault between family or household members; or (B) Any sexual conduct between family or household members, whether minors or adults, that constitutes a crime under the laws of this state.</p>	<p>Family Law - Domestic Abuse Act - Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-207</p> <p>(a) Any order of protection granted under this chapter is enforceable by a law enforcement agency with proper jurisdiction.</p>
California	Yes	<p>Prevention of Domestic Violence – Cal. Fam. Code § 6211</p> <p>“Domestic violence” is abuse perpetrated against any of the following persons: (a) A spouse or former spouse. (b) A cohabitant or former cohabitant, as defined in Section 6209. (c) A person with whom the respondent is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship. (d) A person with whom the respondent has had a child, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child of the female parent under the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12). (e) A child of a party or a child who is the subject of an action</p>	<p>Prevention of Domestic Violence – Cal. Fam. Code § 6203</p> <p>“Abuse” (a) For purposes of this act, “abuse” means any of the following: (1) To intentionally or recklessly cause or attempt to cause bodily injury. (2) Sexual assault. (3) To place a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to that person or to another. 4) To engage in any behavior that has been or could be enjoined pursuant to Section 6320. (b) Abuse is not limited to the actual infliction of physical injury or assault.</p>	<p>Protective Orders and Other Domestic Violence Prevention Orders – Cal. Fam. Code § 6301</p> <p>Persons who may be granted restraining order: (a) An order under this part may be granted to any person described in Section 6211, including a minor pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 372 of the Code of Civil Procedure.</p>

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		<p>under the Uniform Parentage Act, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child to be protected.</p> <p>(f) Any other person related by consanguinity or affinity within the second degree</p>		
Colorado	Yes	<p>Domestic Violence – Definitions - Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-6-800.3</p> <p>(2) “Intimate relationship” means a relationship between spouses, former spouses, past or present unmarried couples, or persons who are both the parents of the same child regardless of whether the persons have been married or have lived together at any time.</p>	<p>Sexual Abuse/ Exploitation – Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 19-1-103, 16-22-102</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act or omission in which child is subjected to unlawful sexual behavior • Sexual assault, unlawful sexual contact, enticement, incest, human trafficking, sexual exploitation, procurement of child for exploitation, indecent exposure, soliciting/ pimping/ keeping child for prostitution, promoting obscenity, internet luring, internet sexual exploitation <p>Emotional Abuse – Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 19-1-103</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifiable and substantial impairment or a substantial risk of impairment of child’s intellectual or psychological functioning or development <p>Domestic Violence as Child Abuse – Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18-6-800.3</p> <p>Domestic violence can include any crime against a child when used as a method of coercion, control, punishment, intimidation, or revenge directed against a person with whom the perpetrator is involved in an intimate relationship</p>	-----
Connecticut	Yes	Family Law – Family Violence - Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 46b-38a	Family Law – Family Violence - Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 46b-38a	Family Law - Orders of Protection and Relief -

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		(2) "Family or household member" means any of the following persons, regardless of the age of such person: (A) Spouses or former spouses; (B) parents or their children; (C) persons related by blood or marriage; (D) persons other than those persons described in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision presently residing together or who have resided together; (E) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time; and (F) persons in, or who have recently been in, a dating relationship.	(1) "Family violence" means an incident resulting in physical harm, bodily injury or assault, or an act of threatened violence that constitutes fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, including, but not limited to, stalking or a pattern of threatening, between family or household members. Verbal abuse or argument shall not constitute family violence unless there is present danger and the likelihood that physical violence will occur.	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 46b-15 (a) Any family or household member, as defined in section 46b-38a, who has been subjected to a continuous threat of present physical pain or physical injury, stalking or a pattern of threatening, including, but not limited to, a pattern of threatening, as described in section 53a-62, by another family or household member may make an application to the Superior Court for relief under this section. The court shall provide any person who applies for relief under this section with the information set forth in section 46b-15b.
Delaware	Yes	Domestic Relations- Child Protection from Domestic Violence Act- Del. Code Ann. tit. 13, § 703A (a) "Domestic violence" includes but is not limited to physical or sexual abuse or threats of physical or sexual abuse and any other offense against the person committed by 1 parent against the other parent, against any child living in either parent's home, or against any other adult living in the child's home. "Domestic violence" does not include reasonable acts of self-defense by 1 parent for self-protection or in order to protect the child from abuse or threats of abuse by the other parent or other adult living in the child's home. Courts and Judicial Procedure- Protection from Abuse Proceedings- Del. Code Ann. tit. 10, § 1041	Domestic Relations- Child Protection from Domestic Violence Act- Del. Code Ann. tit. 13, § 703A (b) "Perpetrator of domestic violence" means any individual who has been convicted of committing any of the following criminal offenses in the State, or any comparable offense in another jurisdiction, against the child at issue in a custody or visitation proceeding, against the other parent of the child, or against any other adult or minor child living in the home: (1) Any felony level offense; (2) Assault in the third degree; (3) Reckless endangering in the second degree; (4) Reckless burning or exploding; (5) Unlawful imprisonment in the second degree; (6) Unlawful sexual contact in the third degree; or (7) Criminal contempt of Family Court protective order based on an	Courts and Judicial Procedure- Protection from Abuse Proceedings- Del. Code Ann. tit. 10, § 1041 (4) "Protective order" means an order issued by the court to a respondent restraining said respondent from committing domestic violence against the petitioner, or a person in whose interest a petition is brought, and may include such measures as are necessary in order to prevent domestic violence.
Delaware				

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District of Columbia		offense that is committed or threatened to be committed by an offender upon a person to whom the offender is related by blood, adoption, legal custody, marriage, or domestic partnership, or with whom the offender has a child in common.		<p>(1) If the petitioner is a minor, the petitioner's parent, guardian, custodian, or other appropriate adult may file a petition for civil protection on the petitioner's behalf;</p> <p>(2) A minor who is 16 years of age or older may file a petition for civil protection on his or her own behalf;</p> <p>(3) A minor who is at least 12 but less than 16 years of age and a victim of intimate partner violence may file a petition for civil protection and participate in a hearing to seek a temporary protection order without a parent, guardian, custodian, or other appropriate adult acting on his or her behalf, but, under these circumstances, the court may appoint an attorney for the minor in accordance with section 16-1005(a-1)(3), if necessary, and if doing so will not unduly delay the issuance or denial of a temporary protection order;</p> <p>(4) A minor who is at least 12 but less than 16 years of age and a victim of interpersonal or intrafamily violence may petition for civil protection only if his or her parent, guardian, or custodian files the petition on his or her behalf;</p> <p>(5) A minor who is less than 12 years of age may petition for civil protection only if his or her parent, guardian, or custodian files the petition on his or her behalf; and</p>

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				(6) A custodial parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor may not file a petition for civil protection against the minor.
Florida	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Violence- Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.28</p> <p>(3) “Family or household member” means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Violence- Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.28</p> <p>(2) “Domestic violence” means any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Violence; injunction- Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.30</p> <p>(a) Any person described in paragraph (e), who is either the victim of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28 or has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of any act of domestic violence, has standing in the circuit court to file a sworn petition for an injunction for protection against domestic violence.</p> <p>(e) This cause of action for an injunction may be sought by family or household members. No person shall be precluded from seeking injunctive relief pursuant to this chapter solely on the basis that such person is not a spouse.</p>
Georgia	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Family Violence- Ga. Code Ann. § 19-13-1</p> <p>As used in this article, the term “family violence” means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household...</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Family Violence- Ga. Code Ann. § 19-13-1</p> <p>As used in this article, the term “family violence” means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household:</p> <p>(1) Any felony; or</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Family Violence- Protective Orders- Ga. Code Ann. § 19-13-4</p> <p>(a) The court may, upon the filing of a verified petition, grant any protective order or approve any consent agreement to bring about a cessation of acts of family violence.</p>

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			<p>(2) Commission of offenses of battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, or criminal trespass.</p> <p>The term “family violence” shall not be deemed to include reasonable discipline administered by a parent to a child in the form of corporal punishment, restraint, or detention.</p>	
Hawaii	Yes	<p>Health- Domestic Violence Fatality Review- Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 321-471</p> <p>“Family or household members” as used in this section means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Each legal parent; (2) The natural mother; (3) The natural father; (4) Each natural or adopted child; (5) Each sibling or person related by consanguinity; (6) Spouses or former spouses; (7) Reciprocal beneficiaries or former reciprocal beneficiaries; (8) Each person who has or has had a dating relationship; (9) Each person jointly residing or formerly residing in the same dwelling unit; and (10) Any other person who, or legal entity that, is a victim's legal or physical custodian or guardian, or who is otherwise responsible for the victim's care, other than an authorized agency that assumes such a legal status or relationship with the victim under chapter 587A. 	<p>Health- Domestic Violence Fatality Review- Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 321-471</p> <p>“Domestic violence” means physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the threat of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault, extreme psychological abuse or malicious property damage between family or household members.</p>	<p>Property; Family-Domestic Abuse Protective Orders- Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 586-3</p> <p>(b) A petition for relief under this chapter may be made by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Any family or household member on the member's own behalf or on behalf of a family or household member who is a minor or who is an incapacitated person as defined in section 560:5-102 or who is physically unable to go to the appropriate place to complete or file the petition; or (2) Any state agency on behalf of a person who is a minor or who is an incapacitated person as defined in section 560:5-102 or a person who is physically unable to go to the appropriate place to complete or file the petition on behalf of that person.
Idaho	Yes	<p>Health and Safety- Domestic Violence Crime Prevention- Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6303</p>	<p>Health and Safety- Domestic Violence Crime Prevention- Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6303</p>	<p>Health and Safety- Domestic Violence Crime Prevention- Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6303</p>

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		<p>(3) “Family member” means spouses, former spouses and persons related by blood, adoption or marriage.</p> <p>(6) “Household member” means persons who reside or have resided together, and persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time.</p>	<p>(1) “Domestic violence” means the physical injury, sexual abuse or forced imprisonment or threat thereof of a family or household member, or of a minor child by a person with whom the minor child has had or is having a dating relationship, or of an adult by a person with whom the adult has had or is having a dating relationship.</p>	<p>(8) “Protection order” means any order issued for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or acts of harassment against, or contact or communication with, or physical proximity to, another person, where the order was issued</p> <p>Health and Safety- Domestic Violence Crime Prevention- Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6304</p> <p>(2) A person may seek relief from domestic violence by filing a petition based on a sworn affidavit with the magistrates division of the district court, alleging that the person or a family or household member, whether an adult or a child, is the victim of domestic violence. Any petition properly filed under this chapter may seek protection for any additional persons covered by this chapter. A custodial or noncustodial parent or guardian may file a petition on behalf of a minor child who is the victim of domestic violence.</p>
Illinois	Yes	<p>Families- Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986- Orders of Protection- 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 60/201</p> <p>(a) The following persons are protected by this Act:</p> <p>(i) any person abused by a family or household member;</p> <p>(ii) any high-risk adult with disabilities who is abused,</p>	<p>Families- Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986- 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 60/103</p> <p>For the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:</p> <p>(1) “Abuse” means physical abuse, harassment, intimidation of a dependent, interference with personal liberty or willful deprivation but does not include reasonable direction of a</p>	<p>Families- Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986- 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 60/103</p> <p>(12) “Order of protection” means an emergency order, interim order or plenary order, granted pursuant to this Act, which includes any or all of the remedies</p>

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Illinois		<p>neglected, or exploited by a family or household member; (iii) any minor child or dependent adult in the care of such person; and (iv) any person residing or employed at a private home or public shelter which is housing an abused family or household member.</p> <p>Families- Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986- 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 60/103</p> <p>6) “Family or household members” include spouses, former spouses, parents, children, stepchildren and other persons related by blood or by present or prior marriage, persons who share or formerly shared a common dwelling, persons who have or allegedly have a child in common, persons who share or allegedly share a blood relationship through a child, persons who have or have had a dating or engagement relationship, persons with disabilities and their personal assistants, and caregivers as defined in Section 12-4.4a of the Criminal Code of 2012.¹ For purposes of this paragraph, neither a casual acquaintanceship nor ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in business or social contexts shall be deemed to constitute a dating relationship. In the case of a high-risk adult with disabilities, “family or household members” includes any person who has the responsibility for a high-risk adult as a result of a family relationship or who has assumed responsibility for all or a portion of the care of a high-risk adult with disabilities voluntarily, or by express or implied contract, or by court order</p>	<p>minor child by a parent or person in loco parentis. (3) “Domestic violence” means abuse as defined in paragraph (1)</p>	<p>authorized by Section 214 of this Act. (13) “Petitioner” may mean not only any named petitioner for the order of protection and any named victim of abuse on whose behalf the petition is brought, but also any other person protected by this Act.</p> <p>Families- Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986- Orders of Protection- 750 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 60/201</p> <p>(b) A petition for an order of protection may be filed only: (i) by a person who has been abused by a family or household member or by any person on behalf of a minor child or an adult who has been abused by a family or household member and who, because of age, health, disability, or inaccessibility, cannot file the petition, or (ii) by any person on behalf of a high-risk adult with disabilities who has been abused, neglected, or exploited by a family or household member. However, any petition properly filed under this Act may seek protection for any additional persons protected by this Act.</p>

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Indiana	Yes	<p>Civil Law and Procedure- Definitions- Ind. Code Ann. § 34-6-2-44.8</p> <p>(a) An individual is a “family or household member” of another person if the individual:</p> <p>(1) is a current or former spouse of the other person;</p> <p>(2) is dating or has dated the other person;</p> <p>(3) is or was engaged in a sexual relationship with the other person;</p> <p>(4) is related by blood or adoption to the other person;</p> <p>(5) is or was related by marriage to the other person;</p> <p>(6) has or previously had an established legal relationship:</p> <p>(A) as a guardian of the other person;</p> <p>(B) as a ward of the other person;</p> <p>(C) as a custodian of the other person;</p> <p>(D) as a foster parent of the other person; or</p> <p>(E) in a capacity with respect to the other person similar to those listed in clauses (A) through (D); or</p> <p>(7) has a child in common with the other person.</p> <p>(b) An individual is a “family or household member” of both persons to whom subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), or (a)(7) applies if the individual is a minor child of one (1) of the persons.</p>	<p>Civil Law and Procedure- Definitions- Ind. Code Ann. § 34-6-2-34.5</p> <p>“Domestic or family violence” means, except for an act of self-defense, the occurrence of at least one (1) of the following acts committed by a family or household member:</p> <p>(1) Attempting to cause, threatening to cause, or causing physical harm to another family or household member.</p> <p>(2) Placing a family or household member in fear of physical harm.</p> <p>(3) Causing a family or household member to involuntarily engage in sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress.</p> <p>(4) Beating (as described in IC 35-46-3-0.5(2)), torturing (as described in IC 35-46-3-0.5(5)), mutilating (as described in IC 35-46-3-0.5(3)), or killing a vertebrate animal without justification with the intent to threaten, intimidate, coerce, harass, or terrorize a family or household member.</p> <p>For purposes of IC 34-26-5, domestic and family violence also includes stalking (as defined in IC 35-45-10-1) or a sex offense under IC 35-42-4, whether or not the stalking or sex offense is committed by a family or household member.</p>	<p>Civil Law and Procedure- Indiana Civil Protection Order Act- Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-2</p> <p>(a) A person who is or has been a victim of domestic or family violence may file a petition for an order for protection against a:</p> <p>(1) family or household member who commits an act of domestic or family violence; or</p> <p>(2) person who has committed stalking under IC 35-45-10-5 or a sex offense under IC 35-42-4 against the petitioner.</p> <p>(b) A parent, a guardian, or another representative may file a petition for an order for protection on behalf of a child against a:</p> <p>(1) family or household member who commits an act of domestic or family violence; or</p> <p>(2) person who has committed stalking under IC 35-45-10-5 or a sex offense under IC 35-42-4 against the child.</p>
Iowa	No ⁸	<p>Human Services- Children and Families- Domestic Abuse- Iowa Code Ann. § 236.2</p>	<p>Human Services- Children and Families- Domestic Abuse- Iowa Code Ann. § 236.2</p>	<p>Human Services- Children and Families-</p>

⁸ See Iowa Code Ann. § 232.68; see also Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse, in NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SIJS Bench Book 1-33 (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>.

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Iowa		<p>2. “Domestic abuse” means committing assault as defined in section 708.1 under any of the following circumstances:</p> <p>a. The assault is between family or household members who resided together at the time of the assault.</p> <p>b. The assault is between separated spouses or persons divorced from each other and not residing together at the time of the assault.</p> <p>c. The assault is between persons who are parents of the same minor child, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time.</p> <p>d. The assault is between persons who have been family or household members residing together within the past year and are not residing together at the time of the assault.</p> <p>e. The assault is between persons who are in an intimate relationship or have been in an intimate relationship and have had contact within the past year of the assault. In determining whether persons are or have been in an intimate relationship, the court may consider the following nonexclusive list of factors:</p> <p>(a) The duration of the relationship.</p> <p>(b) The frequency of interaction.</p> <p>(c) Whether the relationship has been terminated.</p> <p>(d) The nature of the relationship, characterized by either party’s expectation of sexual or romantic involvement.</p> <p>4. a. “Family or household members” means spouses, persons cohabiting, parents, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity.</p>	<p>2. “Domestic abuse” means committing assault as defined in section 708.1...</p> <p>Criminal Law and Procedure- Assault- Iowa Code Ann. § 708.1</p> <p>1. For the purposes of this chapter, “domestic abuse assault” means an assault, as defined in section 708.1, which is domestic abuse as defined in section 236.2, subsection 2, paragraph “a”, “b”, “c”, or “d”.</p> <p>Criminal Law and Procedure- Assault- Iowa Code Ann. § 708.2A</p> <p>1. For the purposes of this chapter, “domestic abuse assault” means an assault, as defined in section 708.1, which is domestic abuse as defined in section 236.2, subsection 2, paragraph “a”, “b”, “c”, or “d”.</p>	<p>Domestic Abuse- Iowa Code Ann. § 236.3</p> <p>1. A person, including a parent or guardian on behalf of an unemancipated minor, may seek relief from domestic abuse by filing a verified petition in the district court. Venue shall lie where either party resides.</p>

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		b. "Family or household members" does not include children under age eighteen of persons listed in paragraph "a".		
Kansas	No (unless child is over age 18) ⁹	<p>Crimes Against Persons- Domestic Battery- Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-5414</p> <p>(1) "Family or household member" means persons 18 years of age or older who are spouses, former spouses, parents or stepparents and children or stepchildren, and persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, and persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or who have lived together at any time. "Family or household member" also includes a man and woman if the woman is pregnant and the man is alleged to be the father, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time...</p>	<p>Crimes Against Persons- Domestic Battery- Kan. Stat. Ann. § 21-5414</p> <p>(a) Domestic battery is: (1) Knowingly or recklessly causing bodily harm by a family or household member against a family or household member; or (2) Knowingly causing physical contact with a family or household member when done in a rude, insulting or angry manner.</p>	<p>Civil Procedure- Protection from Abuse Act- Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-3104</p> <p>(a) An intimate partner or household member may seek relief under the protection from abuse act by filing a verified petition with any district judge or with the clerk of the court alleging abuse by another intimate partner or household member. (b) A parent of or an adult residing with a minor child may seek relief under the protection from abuse act on behalf of the minor child by filing a verified petition with any district judge or with the clerk of the court alleging abuse by another intimate partner or household member.</p>
Kentucky	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Dissolution of Marriage- Domestic Violence and Abuse- Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.720</p> <p>(2) "Family member" means a spouse, including a former spouse, a grandparent, a grandchild, a parent, a child, a stepchild, or any other person living in the same household as a child if the child is the alleged victim.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Dissolution of Marriage- Domestic Violence and Abuse- Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.720</p> <p>As used in KRS 403.715 to 403.785: (1) "Domestic violence and abuse" means physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual abuse, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, or assault between family members or members of an unmarried couple.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Dissolution of Marriage- Domestic Violence and Abuse- Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.750</p> <p>(1) Any family member or any member of an unmarried couple may file for and receive protection under this chapter from domestic violence and abuse, notwithstanding the existence of or intent to file</p>

⁹ See KAN. STAT. ANN. § 38-2202 (2016); see also *Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse*, in NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SIJS Bench Book 1-33 (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>.

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Kentucky				an action under this chapter by either party.
Louisiana	Yes	<p>Protection from Family Violence- Domestic Abuse Assistance- La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2132</p> <p>(4) “Family members” means spouses, former spouses, parents and children, stepparents, stepchildren, foster parents, and foster children. “Household members” means any person presently or formerly living in the same residence with the defendant and who is involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship with the defendant and who is seeking protection under this Part. “Dating partner” means any person protected from violence under R.S. 46:2151 who is seeking protection under this Part. If a parent or grandparent is being abused by an adult child, adult foster child, or adult grandchild, the provisions of this Part shall apply to any proceeding brought in district court.</p> <p>Criminal Code- Domestic abuse battery- La. Stat. Ann. § 14:35.3</p> <p>(5) “Household member” means any person presently or formerly living in the same residence with the offender and who is involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship with the offender, or any child presently or formerly living in the same residence with the offender, or any child of the offender regardless of where the child resides.</p>	<p>Protection from Family Violence- Domestic Abuse Assistance- La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2132</p> <p>(3) “Domestic abuse” includes but is not limited to physical or sexual abuse and any offense against the person, physical or non-physical, as defined in the Criminal Code of Louisiana, except negligent injury and defamation, committed by one family member, household member, or dating partner against another. “Domestic abuse” also includes abuse of adults as defined in R.S. 15:1503 when committed by an adult child or adult grandchild.</p> <p>Criminal Code- Domestic abuse battery- La. Stat. Ann. § 14:35.3</p> <p>A. Domestic abuse battery is the intentional use of force or violence committed by one household member upon the person of another household member without the consent of the victim.</p>	<p>Protection from Family Violence- Domestic Abuse Assistance- La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2136</p> <p>A. The court may grant any protective order or approve any consent agreement to bring about a cessation of domestic abuse as defined in R.S. 46:2132, or the threat or danger thereof, to a party, any minor children, or any person alleged to be incompetent...</p>

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Maine	No ¹⁰	<p>Domestic Relations- Protection from Abuse- Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 19-A, § 4002</p> <p>“Family or household members” means spouses or domestic partners or former spouses or former domestic partners, individuals presently or formerly living together as spouses, parents of the same child, adult household members related by consanguinity or affinity or minor children of a household member when the defendant is an adult household member and, for the purposes of Title 15, section 1023, subsection 4, paragraph B-1 and Title 15, section 1094-B, this chapter and Title 17-A, sections 15, 207-A, 209-A, 210-B, 210-C, 211-A, 1201, 1202 and 1253 only, includes individuals presently or formerly living together and individuals who are or were sexual partners. Holding oneself out to be a spouse is not necessary to constitute “living as spouses.” For purposes of this subsection, “domestic partners” means 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under long-term arrangements that evidence a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Protection from Abuse- Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 19-A, § 4002</p> <p>1. Abuse. “Abuse” means the occurrence of the following acts between family or household members or dating partners or by a family or household member or dating partner upon a minor child of a family or household member or dating partner:</p> <p>A. Attempting to cause or causing bodily injury or offensive physical contact, including sexual assaults under Title 17-A, chapter 11,¹ except that contact as described in Title 17-A, section 106, subsection 1 is excluded from this definition;</p> <p>B. Attempting to place or placing another in fear of bodily injury through any course of conduct, including, but not limited to, threatening, harassing or tormenting behavior;</p> <p>C. Compelling a person by force, threat of force or intimidation to engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage;</p> <p>D. Knowingly restricting substantially the movements of another person without that person's consent or other lawful authority by:</p> <p>(1) Removing that person from that person's residence, place of business or school;</p> <p>(2) Moving that person a substantial distance from the vicinity where that person was found; or</p> <p>(3) Confining that person for a substantial period either in the place where the restriction commences or</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Protection from Abuse- Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 19-A, § 4005</p> <p>1. Filing. An adult who has been abused by a family or household member or a dating partner may seek relief by filing a complaint alleging that abuse. When a minor child in the care or custody of a family or household member or a dating partner has been abused by a family or household member or a dating partner, a person responsible for the child, as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 9, or a representative of the department may seek relief by filing a petition alleging that abuse.</p>

¹⁰ See ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 22, § 4002 (2015); see also Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse, in NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SIJS Bench Book 1-33 (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>.

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Maine			<p>in a place to which that person has been moved;</p> <p>E. Communicating to a person a threat to commit, or to cause to be committed, a crime of violence dangerous to human life against the person to whom the communication is made or another, and the natural and probable consequence of the threat, whether or not that consequence in fact occurs, is to place the person to whom the threat is communicated, or the person against whom the threat is made, in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed;</p> <p>F. Repeatedly and without reasonable cause:</p> <p>(1) Following the plaintiff; or</p> <p>(2) Being at or in the vicinity of the plaintiff's home, school, business or place of employment;</p> <p>G. Engaging in the unauthorized dissemination of certain private images as prohibited pursuant to Title 17-A, section 511-A; or</p> <p>H. Engaging in aggravated sex trafficking or sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852 or 853, respectively.</p>	
Maryland	Yes	<p>Family Law- Domestic Violence- Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 4-501</p> <p>(m) "Person eligible for relief" includes:</p> <p>(1) the current or former spouse of the respondent;</p> <p>(2) a cohabitant of the respondent;</p> <p>(3) a person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;</p> <p>(4) a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;</p>	<p>Family Law- Domestic Violence- Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 4-501</p> <p>(b)(1) "Abuse" means any of the following acts:</p> <p>(i) an act that causes serious bodily harm;</p> <p>(ii) an act that places a person eligible for relief in fear of imminent serious bodily harm;</p> <p>(iii) assault in any degree;</p> <p>(iv) rape or sexual offense under §§ 3-303 through 3-308 of the Criminal Law Article or attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree;</p> <p>(v) false imprisonment; or</p> <p>(vi) stalking under § 3-802 of the Criminal Law Article.</p> <p>(2) If the person for whom relief is sought is a child, "abuse" may also</p>	<p>Family Law- Domestic Violence- Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 4-505</p> <p>(a)(1) If, after a hearing on a petition, whether ex parte or otherwise, a judge finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a person eligible for relief has been abused, the judge may enter a temporary protective order to protect any person eligible for relief from abuse.</p>

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Maryland		(5) a vulnerable adult; (6) an individual who has a child in common with the respondent; or (7) an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent within 1 year before the filing of the petition.	include abuse of a child, as defined in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of this article. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prohibit reasonable punishment, including reasonable corporal punishment, in light of the age and condition of the child, from being performed by a parent or stepparent of the child. (3) If the person for whom relief is sought is a vulnerable adult, "abuse" may also include abuse of a vulnerable adult, as defined in Title 14, Subtitle 1 of this article.	
Massachusetts	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Abuse Prevention- Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 209A, § 1</p> <p>"Family or household members", persons who:</p> <p>(a) are or were married to one another;</p> <p>(b) are or were residing together in the same household;</p> <p>(c) are or were related by blood or marriage;</p> <p>(d) having a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; or</p> <p>(e) are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship, which shall be adjudged by district, probate or Boston municipal courts consideration of the following factors:</p> <p>(1) the length of time of the relationship; (2) the type of relationship; (3) the frequency of interaction between the parties; and (4) if the relationship has been terminated by either person, the length of time elapsed since the termination of the relationship.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Abuse Prevention- Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 209A, § 1</p> <p>"Abuse", the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:</p> <p>(a) attempting to cause or causing physical harm;</p> <p>(b) placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm;</p> <p>(c) causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Abuse Prevention- Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 209A, § 3</p> <p>A person suffering from abuse from an adult or minor family or household member may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse...</p>

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Michigan	Yes	<p>Social Services- Domestic Violence- Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 400.1501</p> <p>(e) “Family or household member” includes any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A spouse or former spouse. (ii) An individual with whom the person resides or has resided. (iii) An individual with whom the person has or has had a dating relationship. (iv) An individual with whom the person is or has engaged in a sexual relationship. (v) An individual to whom the person is related or was formerly related by marriage. (vi) An individual with whom the person has a child in common. (vii) The minor child of an individual described in subparagraphs (i) to (vi). 	<p>Social Services- Domestic Violence- Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 400.1501</p> <p>(d) “Domestic violence” means the occurrence of any of the following acts by a person that is not an act of self-defense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member. (ii) Placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm. (iii) Causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress. (iv) Engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested. 	<p>Provisions Concerning Specific Actions- Personal Protection Orders- Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 600.2950</p> <p>Sec. 2950. (1) Except as provided in subsections (27) and (28), by commencing an independent action to obtain relief under this section, by joining a claim to an action, or by filing a motion in an action in which the petitioner and the individual to be restrained or enjoined are parties, an individual may petition the family division of circuit court to enter a personal protection order to restrain or enjoin a spouse, a former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has had a child in common, an individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating relationship, or an individual residing or having resided in the same household as the petitioner from doing 1 or more of the following...</p>
Minnesota	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Abuse Act- Minn. Stat. Ann. § 518B.01</p> <p>(b) “Family or household members” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Spouses and former spouses; (2) Parents and children; (3) Persons related by blood; (4) Persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past; (5) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether 	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Abuse Act- Minn. Stat. Ann. § 518B.01</p> <p>(a) “Domestic abuse” means the following, if committed against a family or household member by a family or household member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; (2) The infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, or assault; or (3) terroristic threats, within the meaning of section 609.713, 	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Abuse Act- Minn. Stat. Ann. § 518B.01</p> <p>Subd. 4. Order for protection. There shall exist an action known as a petition for an order for protection in cases of domestic abuse.</p> <p>(a) A petition for relief under this section may be made by any family or</p>

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Minnesota		they have been married or have lived together at any time; (6) a man and woman if the woman is pregnant and the man is alleged to be the father, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; and (7) persons involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship.	subdivision 1; criminal sexual conduct, within the meaning of section 609.342, 609.343, 609.344, 609.345, or 609.3451; or interference with an emergency call within the meaning of section 609.78, subdivision 2.	household member personally or by a family or household member, a guardian as defined in section 524.1-201, clause (27), or, if the court finds that it is in the best interests of the minor, by a reputable adult age 25 or older on behalf of minor family or household members. A minor age 16 or older may make a petition on the minor's own behalf against a spouse or former spouse, or a person with whom the minor has a child in common, if the court determines that the minor has sufficient maturity and judgment and that it is in the best interests of the minor.
Mississippi	Yes	Domestic Relations- Protection from Domestic Abuse- Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-3 (a) "Abuse" means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between spouses, former spouses, persons living as spouses or who formerly lived as spouses, persons having a child or children in common, other individuals related by consanguinity or affinity who reside together or who formerly resided together or between individuals who have a current or former dating relationship...	Domestic Relations- Protection from Domestic Abuse- Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-3 (a) "Abuse" means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between spouses, former spouses, persons living as spouses or who formerly lived as spouses, persons having a child or children in common, other individuals related by consanguinity or affinity who reside together or who formerly resided together or between individuals who have a current or former dating relationship: (i) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury or serious bodily injury with or without a deadly weapon; (ii) Placing, by physical menace or threat, another in fear of imminent serious bodily injury;	Domestic Relations- Protection from Domestic Abuse- Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-7 (1) Any person may seek a domestic abuse protection order for himself by filing a petition alleging abuse by the respondent. Any parent, adult household member, or next friend of the abused person may seek a domestic abuse protection order on behalf of any minor children or any person alleged to be incompetent by filing a petition with the court alleging abuse by the respondent. Cases seeking relief under this chapter shall be priority cases on the court's docket and the judge shall be immediately notified when a case is

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Mississippi			<p>(iii) Criminal sexual conduct committed against a minor within the meaning of Section 97-5-23;</p> <p>(iv) Stalking within the meaning of Section 97-3-107;</p> <p>(v) Cyberstalking within the meaning of Section 97-45-15; or</p> <p>(vi) Sexual offenses within the meaning of Section 97-3-65 or 97-3-95.</p> <p>Crimes Against the Person- Simple and Aggravated Assault; Simple and Aggravated Domestic Violence- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-3-7</p> <p>(3)(a) When the offense is committed against a current or former spouse of the defendant or a child of that person, a person living as a spouse or who formerly lived as a spouse with the defendant or a child of that person, a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild or someone similarly situated to the defendant, a person who has a current or former dating relationship with the defendant, or a person with whom the defendant has had a biological or legally adopted child, a person is guilty of simple domestic violence who:</p> <p>(i) Attempts to cause or purposely, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another;</p> <p>(ii) Negligently causes bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily harm; or</p> <p>(iii) Attempts by physical menace to put another in fear of imminent serious bodily harm.</p>	filed in order to provide for expedited proceedings.
Missouri	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Adult Abuse- Mo. Ann. Stat. § 455.010</p> <p>(7) “Family” or “household member”, spouses, former spouses, any person related by blood or marriage, persons who are</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Adult Abuse- Mo. Ann. Stat. § 455.010</p> <p>(5) “Domestic violence”, abuse or stalking committed by a family or household member, as such terms are defined in this section;</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Adult Abuse- Mo. Ann. Stat. § 455.020</p> <p>1. Any person who has been subject to domestic violence by a present or former family or household</p>

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Missouri		presently residing together or have resided together in the past, any person who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, and anyone who has a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have resided together at any time	<p>(1) "Abuse" includes but is not limited to the occurrence of any of the following acts, attempts or threats against a person who may be protected pursuant to this chapter, except abuse shall not include abuse inflicted on a child by accidental means by an adult household member or discipline of a child, including spanking, in a reasonable manner.</p> <p>Crimes and Punishment- Domestic Assault- Mo. Ann. Stat. § 565.072</p> <p>1. A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the first degree if he or she attempts to kill or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to a domestic victim, as the term "domestic victim" is defined under section 565.002.</p>	<p>member, or who has been the victim of stalking or sexual assault, may seek relief under sections 455.010 to 455.085 by filing a verified petition alleging such domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault by the respondent.</p> <p>2. A person's right to relief under sections 455.010 to 455.085 shall not be affected by the person leaving the residence or household to avoid domestic violence.</p>
Montana	Yes	<p>Offenses Against the Person- Assault- Partner or Family Member Assault- Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-206</p> <p>(a) "Family member" means mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters, and other past or present family members of a household. These relationships include relationships created by adoption and remarriage, including stepchildren, stepparents, in-laws, and adoptive children and parents. These relationships continue regardless of the ages of the parties and whether the parties reside in the same household.</p> <p>(b) "Partners" means spouses, former spouses, persons who have a child in common, and persons who have been or are currently in a dating or ongoing intimate relationship.</p>	<p>Offenses Against the Person- Assault- Partner or Family Member Assault- Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-206</p> <p>(1) A person commits the offense of partner or family member assault if the person:</p> <p>(a) Purposely or knowingly causes bodily injury to a partner or family member;</p> <p>(b) negligently causes bodily injury to a partner or family member with a weapon; or</p> <p>(c) purposely or knowingly causes reasonable apprehension of bodily injury in a partner or family member.</p>	<p>Family Law- Partner and Family Assault- Eligibility for Order of Protection- Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-102</p> <p>(1) A person may file a petition for an order of protection if:</p> <p>(a) the petitioner is in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury by the petitioner's partner or family member as defined in 45-5-206; or</p> <p>(b) the petitioner is a victim of one of the following offenses committed by a partner or family member...</p> <p>(2) The following individuals are eligible to file a petition for an order of protection against the offender regardless of the</p>

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Montana				<p>individual's relationship to the offender:</p> <p>(a) a victim of assault as defined in 45-5-201, aggravated assault as defined in 45-5-202, assault on a minor as defined in 45-5-212, stalking as defined in 45-5-220, incest as defined in 45-5-507, sexual assault as defined in 45-5-502, or sexual intercourse without consent as defined in 45-5-503; or</p> <p>(b) a partner or family member of a victim of deliberate homicide as defined in 45-5-102 or mitigated deliberate homicide as defined in 45-5-103.</p> <p>(3) A parent, guardian ad litem, or other representative of the petitioner may file a petition for an order of protection on behalf of a minor petitioner against the petitioner's abuser. At its discretion, a court may appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor petitioner.</p>
Nebraska	Yes	<p>Households and Families-Protection from Domestic Abuse Act- Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42-903</p> <p>(3) Family or household members includes spouses or former spouses, children, persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, persons who have a child in common whether or not they have been married or have lived together at any time, other persons related by consanguinity or</p>	<p>Households and Families-Protection from Domestic Abuse Act- Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42-903</p> <p>(1) Abuse means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:</p> <p>(a) Attempting to cause or intentionally and knowingly causing bodily injury with or without a dangerous instrument;</p>	<p>Households and Families-Protection from Domestic Abuse Act- Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42-924</p> <p>(1) Any victim of domestic abuse may file a petition and affidavit for a protection order as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.</p>

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Nebraska		affinity, and persons who are presently involved in a dating relationship with each other or who have been involved in a dating relationship with each other. For purposes of this subdivision, dating relationship means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement, but does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context.	<p>(b) Placing, by means of credible threat, another person in fear of bodily injury. For purposes of this subdivision, credible threat means a verbal or written threat, including a threat performed through the use of an electronic communication device, or a threat implied by a pattern of conduct or a combination of verbal, written, or electronically communicated statements and conduct that is made by a person with the apparent ability to carry out the threat so as to cause the person who is the target of the threat to reasonably fear for his or her safety or the safety of his or her family. It is not necessary to prove that the person making the threat had the intent to actually carry out the threat. The present incarceration of the person making the threat shall not prevent the threat from being deemed a credible threat under this section; or</p> <p>(c) Engaging in sexual contact or sexual penetration without consent as defined in section 28-318.</p> <p>Crimes and Punishments- Domestic Assault- Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 28-323</p> <p>(1) A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the third degree if he or she:</p> <p>(a) Intentionally and knowingly causes bodily injury to his or her intimate partner;</p> <p>(b) Threatens an intimate partner with imminent bodily injury; or</p> <p>(c) Threatens an intimate partner in a menacing manner.</p> <p>(2) A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the second degree if he or she intentionally and knowingly causes bodily injury to his or her intimate partner with a dangerous instrument.</p> <p>(3) A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the first degree</p>	

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Nebraska			if he or she intentionally and knowingly causes serious bodily injury to his or her intimate partner.	
Nevada	Yes	<p>Special Actions and Proceedings- Injunctions- Protection Against Domestic Violence- Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.018</p> <p>1. Domestic violence occurs when a person commits one of the following acts against or upon the person’s spouse or former spouse, any other person to whom the person is related by blood or marriage, any other person with whom the person is or was actually residing, any other person with whom the person has had or is having a dating relationship, any other person with whom the person has a child in common, the minor child of any of those persons, the person’s minor child or any other person who has been appointed the custodian or legal guardian for the person’s minor child...</p>	<p>Special Actions and Proceedings- Injunctions- Protection Against Domestic Violence- Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.018</p> <p>(a) A battery. (b) An assault. (c) Compelling the other person by force or threat of force to perform an act from which the other person has the right to refrain or to refrain from an act which the other person has the right to perform. (d) A sexual assault (e) A knowing, purposeful or reckless course of conduct intended to harass the other person. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to: (1) Stalking. (2) Arson. (3) Trespassing. (4) Larceny. (5) Destruction of private property. (6) Carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. (7) Injuring or killing an animal. (f) A false imprisonment. (g) Unlawful entry of the other person’s residence, or forcible entry against the other person’s will if there is a reasonably foreseeable risk of harm to the other person from the entry.</p>	<p>Special Actions and Proceedings- Injunctions- Protection Against Domestic Violence- Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.020</p> <p>1. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court from specific facts shown by a verified application that an act of domestic violence has occurred or there exists a threat of domestic violence, the court may grant a temporary or extended order. A temporary or extended order must not be granted to the applicant or the adverse party unless the applicant or the adverse party has requested the order and has filed a verified application that an act of domestic violence has occurred or there exists a threat of domestic violence.</p>
New Hampshire	In some cases ¹¹	<p>Public Safety and Welfare- Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence- N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:1</p> <p>X. “Family or household member” means:</p>	<p>Public Safety and Welfare- Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence- N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:1</p> <p>IX. “Domestic violence” means abuse as defined in RSA 173-B: 1, I.</p>	<p>Public Safety and Welfare- Protection of Persons from Domestic Violence- N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173B:5</p> <p>I. A finding of abuse shall mean the defendant</p>

¹¹ See N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 169-C:3 (2018); see also Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse, in NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SIJS Bench Book 1-33 (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>.

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New Hampshire		<p>(a) Spouses, ex-spouses, persons cohabiting with each other, and persons who cohabited with each other but who no longer share the same residence.</p> <p>(b) Parents and other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, other than minor children who reside with the defendant.</p> <p>Domestic Violence as Child Abuse – N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:1</p> <p>Domestic violence can constitute child abuse when the child is related to the defendant but does not reside with the defendant.</p>	<p>I. “Abuse” means the commission or attempted commission of one or more of the acts described in subparagraphs (a) through (h) by a family or household member or by a current or former sexual or intimate partner, where such conduct is determined to constitute a credible present threat to the petitioner’s safety. The court may consider evidence of such acts, regardless of their proximity in time to the filing of the petition, which, in combination with recent conduct, reflects an ongoing pattern of behavior which reasonably causes or has caused the petitioner to fear for his or her safety or well-being:</p> <p>(a) Assault or reckless conduct as defined in RSA 631:1 through RSA 631:3.</p> <p>(b) Criminal threatening as defined in RSA 631:4.</p> <p>(c) Sexual assault as defined in RSA 632-A:2 through RSA 632-A:5.</p> <p>(d) Interference with freedom as defined in RSA 633:1 through RSA 633:3-a.</p> <p>(e) Destruction of property as defined in RSA 634:1 and RSA 634:2.</p> <p>(f) Unauthorized entry as defined in RSA 635:1 and RSA 635:2.</p> <p>(g) Harassment as defined in RSA 644:4.</p> <p>(h) Cruelty to animals as defined in RSA 644:8.</p>	<p>represents a credible threat to the safety of the plaintiff. Upon a showing of abuse of the plaintiff by a preponderance of the evidence, the court shall grant such relief as is necessary to bring about a cessation of abuse. Such relief shall direct the defendant to relinquish to the peace officer any and all firearms and ammunition in the control, ownership, or possession of the defendant, or any other person on behalf of the defendant for the duration of the protective order. Other relief may include:</p> <p>(a) Protective orders...</p>
New Jersey	Yes	<p>Code of Criminal Justice- Offenses Against Others- N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:25-19</p> <p>d. “Victim of domestic violence” means a person protected under this act and shall include any person who is 18 years of age or older or who is an emancipated minor and who has been subjected to domestic violence by a spouse, former spouse, or any other person who is a present household member or was at any time a</p>	<p>Code of Criminal Justice- Offenses Against Others- N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:25-19</p> <p>a. “Domestic violence” means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts inflicted upon a person protected under this act by an adult or an emancipated minor:</p> <p>(1) Homicide N.J.S.2C:11-1 et seq.</p> <p>(2) Assault N.J.S.2C:12-1</p> <p>(3) Terroristic threats N.J.S.2C:12-3</p> <p>(4) Kidnapping N.J.S.2C:13-1</p> <p>(5) Criminal restraint N.J.S.2C:13-2</p>	<p>Code of Criminal Justice- Offenses Against Others- N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:25-28</p> <p>a. A victim may file a complaint alleging the commission of an act of domestic violence with the Family Part of the Chancery Division of the Superior Court in conformity with the Rules of Court. The court shall</p>

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		household member. "Victim of domestic violence" also includes any person, regardless of age, who has been subjected to domestic violence by a person with whom the victim has a child in common, or with whom the victim anticipates having a child in common, if one of the parties is pregnant. "Victim of domestic violence" also includes any person who has been subjected to domestic violence by a person with whom the victim has had a dating relationship.	(6) False imprisonment N.J.S.2C:13-3 (7) Sexual assault N.J.S.2C:14-2 (8) Criminal sexual contact N.J.S.2C:14-3 (9) Lewdness N.J.S.2C:14-4 (10) Criminal mischief N.J.S.2C:17-3 (11) Burglary N.J.S.2C:18-2 (12) Criminal trespass N.J.S.2C:18-3 (13) Harassment N.J.S.2C:33-4 (14) Stalking P.L.1992, c. 209 (C.2C:12-10) (15) Criminal coercion N.J.S.2C:13-5 (16) Robbery N.J.S.2C:15-1 (17) Contempt of a domestic violence order pursuant to subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:29-9 that constitutes a crime or disorderly persons offense (18) Any other crime involving risk of death or serious bodily injury to a person protected under the "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991," P.L.1991, c. 261 (C.2C:25-17 et al.) (19) Cyber-harassment P.L.2013, c. 272 (C.2C:33-4.1)	not dismiss any complaint or delay disposition of a case because the victim has left the residence to avoid further incidents of domestic violence. Filing a complaint pursuant to this section shall not prevent the filing of a criminal complaint for the same act.
New Mexico	Yes	Domestic Affairs- Family Violence Protection- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-2 E. "household member" means a spouse, former spouse, parent, present or former stepparent, present or former parent in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, child, stepchild, grandchild, co-parent of a child or a person with whom the petitioner has had a continuing personal relationship. Cohabitation is not necessary to be deemed a household member for purposes of this section.	Domestic Affairs- Family Violence Protection- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-2 D. "domestic abuse": (1) means an incident of stalking or sexual assault whether committed by a household member or not; (2) means an incident by a household member against another household member consisting of or resulting in: (a) physical harm; (b) severe emotional distress; (c) bodily injury or assault; (d) a threat causing imminent fear of bodily injury by any household member; (e) criminal trespass; (f) criminal damage to property; (g) repeatedly driving by a residence or work place; (h) telephone harassment; (i) harassment; or	Domestic Affairs- Family Violence Protection- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-3 A. A victim of domestic abuse may petition the court under the Family Violence Protection Act for an order of protection.

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New Mexico			(j) harm or threatened harm to children as set forth in this paragraph; and (3) does not mean the use of force in self-defense or the defense of another.	
New York	Yes	<p>Social Services Law- Domestic Violence Prevention Act- N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law § 459-a</p> <p>2. "Family or household members" mean the following individuals: (a) persons related by consanguinity or affinity; (b) persons legally married to one another; (c) persons formerly married to one another regardless of whether they still reside in the same household; (d) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether such persons are married or have lived together at any time; (e) unrelated persons who are continually or at regular intervals living in the same household or who have in the past continually or at regular intervals lived in the same household; (f) persons who are not related by consanguinity or affinity and who are or have been in an intimate relationship regardless of whether such persons have lived together at any time. Factors that may be considered in determining whether a relationship is an "intimate relationship" include, but are not limited to: the nature or type of relationship, regardless of whether the relationship is sexual in nature; the frequency of interaction between the persons; and the duration of the relationship. Neither a casual acquaintance nor ordinary fraternization between two individuals in business or social contexts shall be deemed to</p>	<p>Social Services Law- Domestic Violence Prevention Act- N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law § 459-a</p> <p>As used in this article: 1. "Victim of domestic violence" means any person over the age of sixteen, any married person or any parent accompanied by his or her minor child or children in situations in which such person or such person's child is a victim of an act which would constitute a violation of the penal law, including, but not limited to acts constituting disorderly conduct, harassment, aggravated harassment, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, sexual abuse, stalking, criminal mischief, menacing, reckless endangerment, kidnapping, assault, attempted assault, attempted murder, criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, or strangulation; and (i) such act or acts have resulted in actual physical or emotional injury or have created a substantial risk of physical or emotional harm to such person or such person's child; and (ii) such act or acts are or are alleged to have been committed by a family or household member.</p>	<p>Family Court- Family Offenses Proceedings- Person who may Originate Proceedings- N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law § 822</p> <p>(a) Any person in the relation to the respondent of spouse, or former spouse, parent, child, or member of the same family or household; (b) A duly authorized agency, association, society, or institution; (c) A peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, or a police officer; (d) A person on the court's own motion.</p>

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New York		constitute an “intimate relationship”; or (g) any other category of individuals deemed to be a victim of domestic violence as defined by the office of children and family services in regulation.		
North Carolina	Yes	<p>Domestic Violence- N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 50B-1</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the term “personal relationship” means a relationship wherein the parties involved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Are current or former spouses; (2) Are persons of opposite sex who live together or have lived together; (3) Are related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren. <p>For purposes of this subdivision, an aggrieved party may not obtain an order of protection against a child or grandchild under the age of 16;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (4) Have a child in common; (5) Are current or former household members; (6) Are persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship for purposes of this subdivision, a dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship. 	<p>Domestic Violence- N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 50B-1</p> <p>(a) Domestic violence means the commission of one or more of the following acts upon an aggrieved party or upon a minor child residing with or in the custody of the aggrieved party by a person with whom the aggrieved party has or has had a personal relationship, but does not include acts of self-defense:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Attempting to cause bodily injury, or intentionally causing bodily injury; or (2) Placing the aggrieved party or a member of the aggrieved party's family or household in fear of imminent serious bodily injury or continued harassment, as defined in G.S. 14-277.3A, that rises to such a level as to inflict substantial emotional distress; or (3) Committing any act defined in G.S. 14-27.21 through G.S. 14-27.33. 	<p>Domestic Violence- Institution of Civil Action- N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 50B-2</p> <p>(a) Any person residing in this State may seek relief under this Chapter by filing a civil action or by filing a motion in any existing action filed under Chapter 50 of the General Statutes alleging acts of domestic violence against himself or herself or a minor child who resides with or is in the custody of such person...</p>
North Dakota	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations and Persons- Domestic Violence- N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 14-07.1-01</p> <p>4. “Family or household member” means a spouse, family member, former spouse, parent, child,</p>	<p>Domestic Relations and Persons- Domestic Violence- N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 14-07.1-01</p> <p>2. “Domestic violence” includes physical harm, bodily injury, sexual activity compelled by physical force,</p>	<p>Domestic Relations and Persons- Domestic Violence Protection Order- N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 14-07.1-02</p>

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North Dakota		persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are in a dating relationship, persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time, and, for the purpose of the issuance of a domestic violence protection order, any other person with a sufficient relationship to the abusing person as determined by the court under section 14-07.1-02.	assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, sexual activity compelled by physical force, or assault, not committed in self-defense, on the complaining family or household members.	1. An action for a protection order commenced by a verified application alleging the existence of domestic violence may be brought in district court by any family or household member or by any other person if the court determines that the relationship between that person and the alleged abusing person is sufficient to warrant the issuance of a domestic violence protection order. An action may be brought under this section, regardless of whether a petition for legal separation, annulment, or divorce has been filed.
Ohio	Yes	<p>Offenses Against the Family-Domestic Violence- Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2919.25</p> <p>(1) “Family or household member” means any of the following:</p> <p>(a) Any of the following who is residing or has resided with the offender:</p> <p>(i) A spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of the offender;</p> <p>(ii) A parent, a foster parent, or a child of the offender, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to the offender;</p> <p>(iii) A parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the offender, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the offender.</p> <p>(b) The natural parent of any child of whom the offender is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent.</p> <p>(2) “Person living as a spouse” means a person who is living or</p>	<p>Offenses Against the Family-Domestic Violence- Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2919.25</p> <p>(A) No person shall knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to a family or household member.</p> <p>(B) No person shall recklessly cause serious physical harm to a family or household member.</p> <p>(C) No person, by threat of force, shall knowingly cause a family or household member to believe that the offender will cause imminent physical harm to the family or household member.</p>	<p>Offenses Against the Family- Domestic Violence- Temporary Protection Orders- Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2919.26</p> <p>(A)(1) Upon the filing of a complaint that alleges a violation of section 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.12, or 2911.211 of the Revised Code if the alleged victim of the violation was a family or household member at the time of the violation, a violation of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any of those sections if the alleged victim of the violation was a family or household member at the time of the violation, any offense of violence if the alleged victim of the offense was a family or household member at the time of the commission of</p>

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Ohio		has lived with the offender in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with the offender, or who otherwise has cohabited with the offender within five years prior to the date of the alleged commission of the act in question.		the offense, or any sexually oriented offense if the alleged victim of the offense was a family or household member at the time of the commission of the offense, the complainant, the alleged victim, or a family or household member of an alleged victim may file, or, if in an emergency the alleged victim is unable to file, a person who made an arrest for the alleged violation or offense under section 2935.03 of the Revised Code may file on behalf of the alleged victim, a motion that requests the issuance of a temporary protection order as a pretrial condition of release of the alleged offender, in addition to any bail set under Criminal Rule 46. The motion shall be filed with the clerk of the court that has jurisdiction of the case at any time after the filing of the complaint.
Oklahoma	Yes	<p>Crimes Against the Person- Assault and Battery- Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 644</p> <p>... a current or former spouse, a present spouse of a former spouse, a former spouse of a present spouse, parents, a foster parent, a child, a person otherwise related by blood or marriage, a person with whom the defendant is or was in a dating relationship as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an individual with whom the defendant has had a child, a person who formerly lived in the same household as the</p>	<p>Crimes Against the Person- Assault and Battery- Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 644</p> <p>C. Any person who commits any assault and battery against a current or former spouse, a present spouse of a former spouse, a former spouse of a present spouse, parents, a foster parent, a child, a person otherwise related by blood or marriage, a person with whom the defendant is or was in a dating relationship as defined by Section 60.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, an individual with whom the defendant has had a child, a person who formerly lived in the same household as the defendant,</p>	<p>Prevention of Public Offenses- Protection from Domestic Abuse Act- Protective Order- Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 60.2</p> <p>A. A victim of domestic abuse, a victim of stalking, a victim of harassment, a victim of rape, any adult or emancipated minor household member on behalf of any other family or household member who is a minor or incompetent, or any minor age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years may seek relief under</p>

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Oklahoma		<p>defendant, or a person living in the same household as the defendant...</p> <p>Criminal Procedure- Prevention of Public Offenses- Protection from Domestic Abuse Act- Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 60.1</p> <p>4. "Family or household members" means:</p> <p>a. spouses,</p> <p>b. ex-spouses,</p> <p>c. present spouses of ex-spouses,</p> <p>d. parents, including grandparents, stepparents, adoptive parents and foster parents,</p> <p>e. children, including grandchildren, stepchildren, adopted children and foster children,</p> <p>persons otherwise related by blood or marriage,</p> <p>g. persons living in the same household or who formerly lived in the same household, and</p> <p>h. persons who are the biological parents of the same child, regardless of their marital status, or whether they have lived together at any time. This shall include the elderly and handicapped.</p>	<p>or a person living in the same household as the defendant shall be guilty of domestic abuse.</p> <p>Criminal Procedure- Prevention of Public Offenses- Protection from Domestic Abuse Act- Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 60.1</p> <p>1. "Domestic abuse" means any act of physical harm, or the threat of imminent physical harm which is committed by an adult, emancipated minor, or minor child thirteen (13) years of age or older against another adult, emancipated minor or minor child who are family or household members or who are or were in a dating relationship.</p>	<p>the provisions of the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act.</p>
Oregon	No ¹²	<p>Domestic Relations- Marital Dissolution- Family Abuse Prevention Act- Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 107.705</p> <p>(4) "Family or household members" means any of the following:</p> <p>(a) Spouses.</p> <p>(b) Former spouses.</p> <p>(c) Adult persons related by blood, marriage or adoption.</p>	<p>Human Services- Violence Prevention and Treatment Programs- Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 409.290</p> <p>(3) "Domestic violence" means abuse as defined in ORS 107.705 between family and household members, as those terms are defined in ORS 107.705.</p> <p>(4) "Family violence" means the physical injury, sexual abuse or forced imprisonment, or threat thereof, of a person by another who</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Marital Dissolution- Family Abuse Prevention Act- Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 107.710</p> <p>(1) Any person who has been the victim of abuse within the preceding 180 days may petition the circuit court for relief under ORS 107.700 to 107.735, if the person is in imminent</p>

¹² See OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 419B.005 (2017); see also Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse, in NAT'L IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SIJS Bench Book 1-33 (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>.

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Oregon		<p>(d) Persons who are cohabiting or who have cohabited with each other.</p> <p>(e) Persons who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship with each other within two years immediately preceding the filing by one of them of a petition under ORS 107.710.</p> <p>(f) Unmarried parents of a child.</p>	<p>is related by blood, marriage or intimate cohabitation at the present or has been related at some time in the past, to the extent that the person's health or welfare is harmed or threatened thereby, as determined in accordance with rules prescribed by the director.</p> <p>Domestic Relations- Marital Dissolution- Family Abuse Prevention Act- Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 107.705</p> <p>(1) "Abuse" means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:</p> <p>(a) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury.</p> <p>(b) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury.</p> <p>(c) Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force.</p>	<p>danger of further abuse from the abuser. The person may seek relief by filing a petition with the circuit court alleging that the person is in imminent danger of abuse from the respondent, that the person has been the victim of abuse committed by the respondent within the 180 days preceding the filing of the petition and particularly describing the nature of the abuse and the dates thereof. The abuse must have occurred not more than 180 days before the filing of the petition. The petition must include allegations made under oath or affirmation or a declaration under penalty of perjury. The circuit court shall have jurisdiction over all proceedings under ORS 107.700 to 107.735.</p>
Pennsylvania	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Abuse of Family- Protection from Abuse- 23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6102</p> <p>"Family or household members." Spouses or persons who have been spouses, persons living as spouses or who lived as spouses, parents and children, other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, current or former sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Abuse of Family- Protection from Abuse- 23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6102</p> <p>"Abuse." The occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members, sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood:</p> <p>(1) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury, serious bodily injury, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, statutory sexual assault, aggravated indecent assault, indecent assault or incest with or without a deadly weapon.</p> <p>(2) Placing another in reasonable fear of imminent serious bodily injury.</p> <p>(3) The infliction of false imprisonment pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Abuse of Family- Protection from Abuse- 23 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 6106</p> <p>(a) General rule.--An adult or an emancipated minor may seek relief under this chapter for that person or any parent, adult household member or guardian ad litem may seek relief under this chapter on behalf of minor children, or a guardian of the person of an adult who has been declared incompetent under 20 Pa.C.S. Ch. 51 Subch. B (relating to appointment of guardian) may seek relief on behalf of the incompetent adult, by filing a petition with the</p>

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Pennsylvania			<p>§ 2903 (relating to false imprisonment).</p> <p>(4) Physically or sexually abusing minor children, including such terms as defined in Chapter 63 (relating to child protective services).</p> <p>(5) Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including following the person, without proper authority, under circumstances which place the person in reasonable fear of bodily injury. The definition of this paragraph applies only to proceedings commenced under this title and is inapplicable to any criminal prosecutions commenced under Title 18 (relating to crimes and offenses).</p>	court alleging abuse by the defendant.
Rhode Island	Yes, the Domestic Abuse Statute	<p>Criminal Procedure- Domestic Violence Prevention Act- 12 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-29-2</p> <p>(b) “Family or household member” means spouses, former spouses, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past three (3) years, and persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together, or persons who are, or have been, in a substantive dating or engagement relationship within the past one year which shall be determined by the court's consideration of the following factors:</p> <p>(1) The length of time of the relationship;</p> <p>(2) The type of the relationship;</p> <p>(3) The frequency of the interaction between the parties.</p> <p>(1) the length of time of the relationship;</p> <p>(2) the type of the relationship;</p> <p>(3) the frequency of the interaction between the parties.</p>	<p>Criminal Procedure- Domestic Violence Prevention Act- 12 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-29-2</p> <p>(a) “Domestic violence” includes, but is not limited to, any of the following crimes when committed by one family or household member against another:</p> <p>(1) Simple assault (§ 11-5-3);</p> <p>(2) Felony assaults (chapter 5 of title 11);</p> <p>(3) Vandalism (§ 11-44-1);</p> <p>(4) Disorderly conduct (§ 11-45-1);</p> <p>(5) Trespass (§ 11-44-26);</p> <p>(6) Kidnapping (§ 11-26-1);</p> <p>(7) Child-snatching (§ 11-26-1.1);</p> <p>(8) Sexual assault (§§ 11-37-2, 11-37-4);</p> <p>(9) Homicide (§§ 11-23-1 and 11-23-3);</p> <p>(10) Violation of the provisions of a protective order entered pursuant to § 15-5-19, chapter 15 of title 15, or chapter 8.1 of title 8 where the respondent has knowledge of the order and the penalty for its violation, or a violation of a no contact order issued pursuant to § 12-29-4;</p> <p>(11) Stalking (chapter 59 of title 11);</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Abuse § 15-15-1. Definitions</p> <p>(4) “Domestic abuse” means:</p> <p>the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between present or former family members, parents, stepparents, or persons who are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship within the past one year in which at least one of the persons is a minor:</p> <p>(i) Attempting to cause or causing physical harm;</p> <p>(ii) Placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm;</p> <p>(iii) Causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat of force, or duress; or</p>

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Rhode Island			(12) Refusal to relinquish or to damage or to obstruct a telephone (§ 11-35-14); (13) Burglary and Unlawful Entry (chapter 8 of title 11); (14) Arson (chapter 4 of title 11); (15) Cyberstalking and cyberharassment (§ 11-52-4.2); (16) Domestic assault by strangulation § 11-5-2.3; and (17) Electronic tracking of motor vehicles (§ 11-69-1).	(iv) Stalking or cyberstalking. Prevention- 15 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 15-15-3 (a) A person, or a parent, custodian, or legal guardian on behalf of a minor child or the director of the department of children, youth and families (“DCYF”) or its designee for a child in the custody of DCYF, pursuant to §§ 40-11-7 and 40-11-7.1, suffering from domestic abuse or sexual exploitation as defined in § 15-15-1, may file a complaint in the family court requesting any order that will protect and support her or him from abuse or sexual exploitation
South Carolina	No ¹³	Crimes and Offenses- Domestic Violence- S.C. Code Ann. § 16-25-10 (3) “Household member” means: (a) a spouse; (b) a former spouse; (c) persons who have a child in common; or (d) a male and female who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited.	Crimes and Offenses- Domestic Violence- S.C. Code Ann. § 16-25-20 (A) It is unlawful to: (1) cause physical harm or injury to a person’s own household member; or (2) offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a person’s own household member with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril...	Domestic Relations- Protection from Domestic Abuse- Petition for Order of Protection- S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-40 There is created an action known as a “Petition for an Order of Protection” in cases of abuse to a household member. (a) A petition for relief under this section may be made by any household members in need of protection or by any household members on behalf of minor household members.

¹³ See S.C. CODE ANN. § 63-7-20 (2018); see also Appendix K: State Law Definitions of Child Abuse, in NAT’L IMMIGRANT WOMEN’S ADVOCACY PROJECT, SIJS BENCH BOOK 1-33 (2017), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/appendix-k-state-law-definitions-of-child-abuse-chart/>.

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Tennessee		<p>(E) Adults or minors who are related or were formerly related by marriage; or (F) Adult or minor children of a person in a relationship that is described in subdivisions (5)(A)-(E).</p> <p>Criminal Offenses- Assaultive Offenses- Domestic Assault- Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-111</p> <p>Same as § 36-3-601</p>	<p>Criminal Offenses- Assaultive Offenses- Domestic Assault- Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-111</p> <p>(b) A person commits domestic assault who commits an assault as defined in § 39-13-101 against a domestic abuse victim.</p> <p>Criminal Offenses- Assaultive Offenses- Assault- Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-101</p> <p>(a) A person commits assault who: (1) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to another; (2) Intentionally or knowingly causes another to reasonably fear imminent bodily injury; or (3) Intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another and a reasonable person would regard the contact as extremely offensive or provocative.</p>	
Texas	Yes	<p>Family Code- Protective Orders and Family Violence- Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.003</p> <p>“Family” includes individuals related by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Sections 573.022 and 573.024, Government Code, individuals who are former spouses of each other, individuals who are the parents of the same child, without regard to marriage, and a foster child and foster parent, without regard to whether those individuals reside together.</p> <p>Family Code- Protective Orders and Family Violence- Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.005</p> <p>“Household” means a unit composed of persons living together in the same dwelling,</p>	<p>Family Code- Protective Orders and Family Violence- Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.004</p> <p>“Family violence” means: (1) an act by a member of a family or household against another member of the family or household that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, but does not include defensive measures to protect oneself; (2) abuse, as that term is defined by Sections 261.001(1)(C), (E), (G), (H), (I), (J), (K), and (M), by a member of a family or household toward a child of the family or household; or (3) dating violence, as that term is defined by Section 71.0021.</p>	<p>Family Code- Protective Orders and Family Violence- Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 81.001</p> <p>A court shall render a protective order as provided by Section 85.001(b) if the court finds that family violence has occurred and is likely to occur in the future.</p>

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		<p>without regard to whether they are related to each other.</p> <p>Family Code- Protective Orders and Family Violence- Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.006</p> <p>“Member of a household” includes a person who previously lived in a household.</p>		
Utah	No (unless above age 16)¹⁴	<p>Protective Orders- Cohabitant Abuse Act- Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-102</p> <p>(2) “Cohabitant” means an emancipated person pursuant to Section 15-2-1 or a person who is 16 years of age or older who:</p> <p>(a) is or was a spouse of the other party;</p> <p>(b) is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;</p> <p>(c) is related by blood or marriage to the other party;</p> <p>(d) has or had one or more children in common with the other party;</p> <p>(e) is the biological parent of the other party's unborn child; or</p> <p>(f) resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party.</p>	<p>Code of Criminal Procedure- Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act- Utah Code Ann. § 77-36-1</p> <p>(4) “Domestic violence” or “domestic violence offense” means any criminal offense involving violence or physical harm or threat of violence or physical harm, or any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a criminal offense involving violence or physical harm, when committed by one cohabitant against another. “Domestic violence” or “domestic violence offense” also means commission or attempt to commit, any of the following offenses by one cohabitant against another:</p> <p>(a) aggravated assault, as described in Section 76-5-103;</p> <p>(b) assault, as described in Section 76-5-102;</p> <p>(c) criminal homicide, as described in Section 76-5-201;</p> <p>(d) harassment, as described in Section 76-5-106;</p> <p>(e) electronic communication harassment, as described in Section 76-9-201;</p> <p>(f) kidnapping, child kidnapping, or aggravated kidnapping, as described in Sections 76-5-301, 76-5-301.1, and 76-5-302;</p> <p>(g) mayhem, as described in Section 76-5-105;</p> <p>(h) sexual offenses, as described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual</p>	<p>Protective Orders- Cohabitant Abuse Act- Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-103</p> <p>(1) Any cohabitant who has been subjected to abuse or domestic violence, or to whom there is a substantial likelihood of abuse or domestic violence, may seek an ex parte protective order or a protective order in accordance with this chapter, whether or not that person has left the residence or the premises in an effort to avoid further abuse.</p>

¹⁴ See UTAH CODE ANN. §78A-6-105 (West 2017); see also [State Law Definitions of Child Abuse Chart](#).

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Utah			<p>Offenses, and Section 76-5b-201, Sexual exploitation of a minor-- Offenses;</p> <p>(i) stalking, as described in Section 76-5-106.5;</p> <p>(j) unlawful detention or unlawful detention of a minor, as described in Section 76-5-304;</p> <p>(k) violation of a protective order or ex parte protective order, as described in Section 76-5-108;</p> <p>(l) any offense against property described in Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 1, Property Destruction, Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 2, Burglary and Criminal Trespass, or Title 76, Chapter 6, Part 3, Robbery;</p> <p>(m) possession of a deadly weapon with intent to assault, as described in Section 76-10-507;</p> <p>(n) discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, near a highway, or in the direction of any person, building, or vehicle, as described in Section 76-10-508;</p> <p>(o) disorderly conduct, as defined in Section 76-9-102, if a conviction of disorderly conduct is the result of a plea agreement in which the defendant was originally charged with a domestic violence offense otherwise described in this Subsection (4).</p> <p>Conviction of disorderly conduct as a domestic violence offense, in the manner described in this Subsection (4)(o), does not constitute a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, and is exempt from the provisions of the federal Firearms Act, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921 et seq.; or</p> <p>(p) child abuse as described in Section 76-5-109.1.</p>	
Vermont	Yes	Domestic Relations- Abuse Prevention- Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1101	Domestic Relations- Abuse Prevention- Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1101	Domestic Relations- Abuse Prevention- Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1103

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Vermont		<p>(2) “Household members” means persons who, for any period of time, are living or have lived together, are sharing or have shared occupancy of a dwelling, are engaged in or have engaged in a sexual relationship, or minors or adults who are dating or who have dated. “Dating” means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider when determining whether a dating relationship exists or existed include:</p> <p>(A) the nature of the relationship;</p> <p>(B) the length of time the relationship has existed;</p> <p>(C) the frequency of interaction between the parties;</p> <p>(D) the length of time since the relationship was terminated, if applicable.</p>	<p>(1) “Abuse” means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:</p> <p>(A) Attempting to cause or causing physical harm.</p> <p>(B) Placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm.</p> <p>(C) Abuse to children as defined in 33 V.S.A. chapter 49, subchapter 2.</p> <p>(D) Stalking as defined in 12 V.S.A. § 5131(6).</p> <p>(E) Sexual assault as defined in 12 V.S.A. § 5131(5).</p>	<p>(a) Any family or household member may seek relief from abuse by another family or household member on behalf of him- or herself or his or her children by filing a complaint under this chapter. A minor 16 years of age or older, or a minor of any age who is in a dating relationship as defined in subdivision 1101(2) of this chapter, may file a complaint under this chapter seeking relief on his or her own behalf. The plaintiff shall submit an affidavit in support of the order.</p>
Virginia	Yes	<p>Courts Not of Record- Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts- Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-228</p> <p>“Family or household member” means (i) the person's spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (ii) the person's former spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (iii) the person's parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home with the person, (iv) the person's mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who reside in the same home with the person, (v) any individual who has a child in common with the person, whether or not the person and that individual have been married or have resided</p>	<p>Courts Not of Record- Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts- Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-228</p> <p>“Family abuse” means any act involving violence, force, or threat that results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury and that is committed by a person against such person's family or household member. Such act includes, but is not limited to, any forceful detention, stalking, criminal sexual assault in violation of Article 7 (§ 18.2-61 et seq.) of Chapter 4 of Title 18.2, or any criminal offense that results in bodily injury or places one in reasonable apprehension of death, sexual assault, or bodily injury.</p>	<p>Courts Not of Record- Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts- Immediate Custody- Preliminary Protective Orders in Cases of Family Abuse- Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-253.1</p> <p>A. Upon the filing of a petition alleging that the petitioner is or has been, within a reasonable period of time, subjected to family abuse, the court may issue a preliminary protective order against an allegedly abusing person in order to protect the health and safety of the petitioner or any family or household member of the petitioner.</p>

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		together at any time, or (vi) any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with the person, and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with the person.		
Washington	Yes	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Violence Prevention- Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 26.50.010</p> <p>(6) “Family or household members” means spouses, domestic partners, former spouses, former domestic partners, persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past and who have or have had a dating relationship, persons sixteen years of age or older with whom a person sixteen years of age or older has or has had a dating relationship, and persons who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Violence Prevention- Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 26.50.010</p> <p>(3) “Domestic violence” means: (a) Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, between family or household members; (b) sexual assault of one family or household member by another; or (c) stalking as defined in RCW 9A.46.110 of one family or household member by another family or household member.</p>	<p>Domestic Relations- Domestic Violence Prevention- Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 26-50.020</p> <p>(1)(a) Any person may seek relief under this chapter by filing a petition with a court alleging that the person has been the victim of domestic violence committed by the respondent. The person may petition for relief on behalf of himself or herself and on behalf of minor family or household members.</p> <p>(b) Any person thirteen years of age or older may seek relief under this chapter by filing a petition with a court alleging that he or she has been the victim of violence in a dating relationship and the respondent is sixteen years of age or older.</p> <p>(2)(a) A person under eighteen years of age who is sixteen years of age or older may seek relief under this chapter and is not required to seek relief by a guardian or next friend.</p> <p>(b) A person under sixteen years of age who is seeking relief under subsection (1)(b) of this section is required to seek relief by a parent, guardian, guardian ad litem, or next friend.</p>

Jurisdiction	Parent-Child Relationship Covered By The Domestic Violence Statute?	Text Defining Relationships Covered By State Domestic Violence Statutes	Text of Statute Covering Acts That Constitute Child Abuse	Domestic Violence Protection Order Statutes
West Virginia		defined in subdivisions (1) through (6) of this section.	family or household member, or unlawfully commits an act that places his or her family or household member in reasonable apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than six months or fined not more than \$100, or both fined and confined.	
Wisconsin	Yes	<p>Civil Procedure- Injunctions- Domestic Abuse Restraining Orders- Wis. Stat. Ann. § 813.12</p> <p>(b) “Family member” means a spouse, a parent, a child or a person related by blood or adoption to another person. (c) “Household member” means a person currently or formerly residing in a place of abode with another person.</p>	<p>Civil Procedure- Injunctions- Domestic Abuse Restraining Orders- Wis. Stat. Ann. § 813.12</p> <p>(am) “Domestic abuse” means any of the following engaged in by an adult family member or adult household member against another adult family member or adult household member, by an adult caregiver against an adult who is under the caregiver's care, by an adult against his or her adult former spouse, by an adult against an adult with whom the individual has or had a dating relationship, or by an adult against an adult with whom the person has a child in common:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intentional infliction of physical pain, physical injury or illness. 2. Intentional impairment of physical condition. 3. A violation of s. 940.225(1), (2) or (3). 4. A violation of s. 940.32. 5. A violation of s. 943.01, involving property that belongs to the individual. 6. A threat to engage in the conduct under subd. 1., 2., 3., 4., or 5. <p>Criminal Procedure- Commencement of Criminal Proceedings- Domestic Abuse Incidents- Wis. Stat. Ann. § 968.075</p> <p>The text of this statute is encompassed by § 813.12</p>	<p>Civil Procedure- Injunctions- Domestic Abuse Restraining Orders- Wis. Stat. Ann. § 813.12</p> <p>(2) Commencement of action and response. (a) No action under this section may be commenced by complaint and summons. An action under this section may be commenced only by a petition described under sub. (5)(a). The action commences with service of the petition upon the respondent if a copy of the petition is filed before service or promptly after service....</p> <p>(5)(d) A petition may be prepared and filed by the person who alleges that he or she has been the subject of domestic abuse or by the guardian of an individual adjudicated incompetent in this state who has been the subject of domestic abuse.</p>

