

Types of Civil Protection Orders (CPOs) Available By State - Chart

By: Nupur Chandna and Leslye E. Orloff

December 31, 2024

The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law - (202) 274-4457 - info@niwap.org

Codes: ✓ - Indicates the grounds on which the state grants civil protection orders (CPO). When CPO is only available within another type of protection order the following codes are used: DV-Domestic Violence; SA-Sexual Assault; ST- Stalking; HT-Human Trafficking; DA-Dating Violence, HR-Harassment; WV-Workplace Violence; CA-Child Abuse; EA-Elder Abuse; DC-Disorderly Conduct, ER-Extreme Risk; Bodily Injury (BI)

State/Types of Protection Orders	Domestic Violence & Child Abuse (DV)	Stalking (ST)	Sexual Offenses/ Sexual Assault (SA)	Human Trafficking (Sex/Labor) (HT)	Sex Trafficking	Dating Violence (DA)	Harassment (HR)	Elder Abuse/ Incapacitated Adult (EA)	Workplace Violence (WV)	Extreme Risk/Gun Violence (ER)	Additional Grounds
Alabama	✓	• DV	• DV	• DV, CA	• CA	• DV	• DV	✓			Sexually Abused Child Protection Order (CA)
Alaska	✓	✓	✓	• DV, ST, SA	• DV, ST, SA	• DV	• DV	• DV, ST, SA			
American Samoa	✓			• DV	• DV	• DV		• DV			
Arizona	✓	• DV	• DV, HT	• DV, HR, WV	• DV, HR, WV	• DV	✓	• DV, HR, WV	✓		
Arkansas	✓	• WV	• DV	• DV, WV	• DV, WV	• DV	• WV	• DV, WV	✓		
California	✓	• DV, HR	• DV, HR	• DV, HR, EA, WV, ER	• DV, HR, EA, WV, ER	• DV, HR	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Colorado	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, EA, WV, ER	• DV, SA, ST, EA, WV, ER	• SA, ST, EA	• DV, SA, ST, EA	✓	✓	✓	
Connecticut	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, ER	• DV, SA, ST, ER	• DV		• DV, SA, ST, ER		✓	
Delaware	✓		✓	• DV, SA, ER	• DV, SA, ER	• DV, SA		• DV, SA, ER		✓	
District of Columbia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	• DV, ST, SA		• DV, HT, ST, SA, ST		✓	
Florida	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, DA, ER	• DV, SA, ST, DA, ER	✓	• DV	• DV, SA, ST, ER		✓	
Georgia	✓	✓ (No CA)	• DV	• DV, ST, DA, WV	• DV, ST, DA, WV	✓	• ST	• DV, ST, DA, WV	✓		
Guam	✓	✓	• DV	• DV, ST	• DV, ST	• DV		• DV, ST			
Hawaii	✓	• HR	• DV	• DV, HR, ER	• DV, HR, ER	• DV	✓	• DV, HR, ER		✓	
Idaho	✓	✓	• DV	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, HR	✓	• DV, SA, ST			
Illinois	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, EA, ER	• DV, SA, ST, EA, ER		• DV	✓		✓	
Indiana	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR, WV	• DV, SA, ST, HR, WV	• DV	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR, WV	✓		

Codes: ✓ - Indicates the grounds on which the state grants civil protection orders (CPO). When CPO is only available within another type of protection order the following codes are used: DV-Domestic Violence; SA-Sexual Assault; ST- Stalking; HT-Human Trafficking; DA-Dating Violence, HR-Harassment; WV-Workplace Violence; CA-Child Abuse; EA-Elder Abuse; DC-Disorderly Conduct, ER-Extreme Risk; Bodily Injury (BI)

State/Types of Protection Orders	Domestic Violence & Child Abuse (DV)	Stalking (ST)	Sexual Offenses/ Sexual Assault (SA)	Human Trafficking (Sex/Labor) (HT)	Sex Trafficking	Dating Violence (DA)	Harassment (HR)	Elder Abuse/ Incapacitated Adult (EA)	Workplace Violence (WV)	Extreme Risk/Gun Violence (ER)	Additional Grounds
Iowa	✓ (Only some children)		✓	• DV, SA, EA	• DV, SA, EA	• DV		✓			See CPO Table for children's limited access
Kansas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	• DV	• ST, SA, HT	• ST, SA, HT			
Kentucky	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, DA	• DV, SA, ST, DA	✓		• DV, SA, ST, DA			
Louisiana	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST	• DV	• ST	• DV, SA, ST			
Maine	✓ (Only some children)	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR, EA	✓	• DV	✓	✓			Sex trafficking specifically covered in protection from abuse protection orders. See CPO Table for children's access for limited list of specific crimes.
Maryland	✓	• DV, HR	✓	• DV, SA, HR, EA	• DV, SA, HR, EA	• DV, HR	✓ (Peace Order)	✓		✓	
Massachusetts	✓	• HR	• DV, HR, ER	• DV, HR, ER	• DV, HR, ER	• DV, HR	✓	• DV, HR, ER		✓	
Michigan	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR	• DV, SA, ST, HR	• DV, SA, ST, HR	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR			
Minnesota	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR	• DV, SA, ST, HR	• DV	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR			
Mississippi	✓	✓	✓	• DV	• DV	• DV		• DV			
Missouri	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST	• DV	• DV	• DV, SA, ST			
Montana	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR		• DV, SA, ST, HR			
Nebraska	✓	• HR	✓	• DV, SA, HR	• DV, SA, HR	• DV	✓	• DV, SA, HR			
Nevada	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR, CA, WV, ER	• DV, SA, ST, HR, CA, WV, ER	• DV, SA, ST, HR, CA, WV, ER	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR, CA, WV, ER	✓	✓	Child Protection Order available
New Hampshire	✓ (Only some children)	✓	• DV	• DV, ST	• DV, ST	• DV	• DV	• DV, ST			See CPO Table for children's limited access
New Jersey	✓ (Only some children)	• DV	✓	• DV (only some children), SA	• DV (only some children), SA	• SA	• DV	• DV, SA		✓	See CPO Table for children's limited access

Codes: ✓ - Indicates the grounds on which the state grants civil protection orders (CPO). When CPO is only available within another type of protection order the following codes are used: DV-Domestic Violence; SA-Sexual Assault; ST- Stalking; HT-Human Trafficking; DA-Dating Violence, HR-Harassment; WV-Workplace Violence; CA-Child Abuse; EA-Elder Abuse; DC-Disorderly Conduct, ER-Extreme Risk; Bodily Injury (BI)

State/Types of Protection Orders	Domestic Violence & Child Abuse (DV)	Stalking (ST)	Sexual Offenses/ Sexual Assault (SA)	Human Trafficking (Sex/Labor) (HT)	Sex Trafficking	Dating Violence (DA)	Harassment (HR)	Elder Abuse/ Incapacitated Adult (EA)	Workplace Violence (WV)	Extreme Risk/Gun Violence (ER)	Additional Grounds
New Mexico	✓	✓	• DV	• DV, SA, ST, HR (5 counties)	• DV, SA, ST, HR (5 counties)	• DV	✓ (5 counties)	• DV, SA, ST, HR (5 counties)			
New York	✓	• DV	• DV	• DV	• DV	• DV	• DV	• DV		✓	
North Carolina	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST	• DV	• DV	• DV, SA, ST			Civil No Contact Orders for Victims of Registered Sex Offenders
North Dakota	✓		✓	✓	✓	• DV (When court deems sufficient relationship)	✓	• DV, SA, HT, HR, DC			Disorderly Conduct Restraining Order (DC)
Northern Mariana Islands	✓	• DV	• DV	• DV	• DV	• DV		• DV			
Ohio	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST	✓		• DV, SA, ST			
Oklahoma	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR	✓	• DV	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR			Sex trafficking included in Victim Protective Order
Oregon	✓ (Only some children)	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, CA, ER	• DV, SA, ST, CA, ER	• DV	• ST	✓		✓	See CPO Table for children's limited access; Child Abuse Restraining Order Available (CA)
Pennsylvania	✓	• SA	✓	• DV, SA	• DV, SA	• DV	• SA	• DV, SA			
Puerto Rico	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, EA, CA	• DV, SA, ST, EA, CA	• DV	• DV, SA, ST, EA	✓			Welfare and Protection of Children (CA)
Rhode Island	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, WV, ER	• DV, SA, ST, WV, ER	• DV	• DV, ST, WV	• DV, SA, ST, WV, ER	✓	✓	
South Carolina	✓ (Only some children)	✓	• DV	• DV, ST, HR, HT (Requires conviction)	• DV, ST, HR, HT (Requires conviction)	• DV (Only if cohabited)	✓	• DV, ST, HR			See CPO Table for children's limited access
South Dakota	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, HR, EA	• DV, SA, ST, HR, EA	• DV	✓	✓			
Tennessee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	• DV		✓	✓		
Texas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	• DV		• DV, SA, ST, HT			

Codes: ✓ - Indicates the grounds on which the state grants civil protection orders (CPO). When CPO is only available within another type of protection order the following codes are used: DV-Domestic Violence; SA-Sexual Assault; ST- Stalking; HT-Human Trafficking; DA-Dating Violence, HR-Harassment; WV-Workplace Violence; CA-Child Abuse; EA-Elder Abuse; DC-Disorderly Conduct, ER-Extreme Risk; Bodily Injury (BI)

State/Types of Protection Orders	Domestic Violence & Child Abuse (DV)	Stalking (ST)	Sexual Offenses/ Sexual Assault (SA)	Human Trafficking (Sex/Labor) (HT)	Sex Trafficking	Dating Violence (DA)	Harassment (HR)	Elder Abuse/ Incapacitated Adult (EA)	Workplace Violence (WV)	Extreme Risk/Gun Violence (ER)	Additional Grounds
Utah	✓ (Only some children)	✓	✓	• Labor: DV, ST, SA, CA, DA, WV	• SA, CA, WV	✓	• DV, WV	• DV, ST, SA, DA, WV	✓		Child Protective Order (CA); Sex trafficking included in sexual assault and child abuse CPOs; Labor trafficking need to qualify for CPO based on other crimes
Vermont	✓	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST, ER	• DV, SA, ST, ER	• DV		• DV, SA, ST, ER		✓	
U.S. Virgin Islands	✓	✓	• DV	• DV, ST	• DV, ST	• DV	• DV	• DV, ST			
Virginia	✓	✓	✓	• DV, ST, SA, BI	• DV, ST, SA, BI			• DV, ST, SA, BI		✓	Protection Orders - Acts of Violence, Force, or Threat, Includes Bodily Injury(BI)
Washington	✓	✓	✓	• DV, ST, SA, HR, EA, ER	• DV, ST, SA, HR, EA, ER	• DV	✓	✓		✓	
West Virginia	✓	✓	✓	• DV, ST, SA, BI	• DV, ST, SA, BI	• DV	• DV	✓			Financial Exploitation Protective Order For Elderly (EA); Personal Safety Orders Includes Bodily Injury (BI)
Wisconsin	✓	• DV, HR	• DV, HR	• DV, HR, CA, EA	• DV, HR, CA, EA	• DV	✓	✓			Child Abuse Restraining Order (CA)
Wyoming	✓ (Only some children)	✓	✓	• DV, SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST	• DV	• SA, ST	• DV, SA, ST			

Please use this chart together with these publications: State Laws on Civil Protection Orders for Victims of Human Trafficking (December 31, 2024) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ht-cpo-overview-report/> and Access to Civil Protection Orders for Victims of Human Trafficking: State-By-State CPO Tables (December 31, 2024) <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/pubs/ht-protection-orders-table/>

This publication was developed under grant numbers SJI 23-T-043 and SJI 24-T-046 from the State Justice Institute. The points of view expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the State Justice Institute.