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Alabama ALA. CODE § 30-5- 1 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION: One year COST: No filing fee	Criminal Code: Repeatedly and intentionally following or harassing a person and making credible threats, either expressed or implied, with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily harm. ALA. CODE §§ 13A-6-90 - 13A-6-94 (2009)	<i>Criminal Code:</i> With intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another: strikes, shoves, kicks, or otherwise touches; directs abusive or obscene language or gestures towards another; makes a threat, verbal or nonverbal, made with the intent to carry out the threat, that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety; communicates, anonymously or otherwise, by any form of written or electronic communication, in a manner likely to harass or cause alarm; makes telephone call with no purpose of legitimate communication and/or addresses the recipient of the call with lewd or obscene language. ALA. CODE § 13A- 11-8 (2009)	Victim of abuse (includes stalking &/or harassment) who has eligible relationship with abuser; a minor or physically/ mentally incapacitated person (by any adult relative, household member, guardian or custodian)	The occurrence of one or more acts, attempts, or threats of abuse (includes stalking &/or harassment) between family or household members STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; stay away from residence, school, place of employment, or other specified place; no harassing, annoying, telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating, directly or indirectly; award temporary custody; attorney's fees; child support/victim support; award custody of vehicle; any other relief deemed necessary GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	A copy of the order shall be issued to law enforcement with jurisdiction to enforce the order.	Each order shall state: "A willful violation of this order is a Class A misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisonment for up to a year in jail, or both, and is also punishable for civil contempt."



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Alaska ALASKA STAT. §18.65.850 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 6 months COST: No filing fee	Criminal code: Knowingly engages in course of conduct that recklessly places another person in fear of death or physical injury, or in fear of death or physical injury of a family member. ALASKA STAT. §11.41.260 (2009)	N/A	A person who reasonably believes that they are a victim of stalking that is not a crime involving domestic violence A parent or guardian can petition on behalf of a minor	Respondent has committed stalking against the petitioner, regardless of whether the respondent appears at the hearing STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; stay away from the residence, school or workplace `of the petitioner, or any specified place frequented by the petitioner ONLY if the respondent has been provided actual notice of opportunity to appear and be heard on the petition; any other relief deemed necessary GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Court shall send a copy of the order to law enforcement. Each law enforcement agency shall establish procedures to inform peace officers of protective orders.	Each order must state "Violation of this order may be a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year of incarceration and a fine of up to \$5,000"
Arizona ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 12-1809 (2009). NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil inj. against harassment DURATION: 1 year COST: No filing fee, fee for service may be waived	N/A	A series of acts over time that is directed at a specific person and that would cause a reasonable person to be seriously alarmed, annoyed or harassed and in fact seriously alarms, annoys or harasses the person and serves no legitimate purpose	A person A parent, legal guardian or person who has legal custody on behalf of a minor A third party on behalf of a person temporarily or permanently unable to request an injunction	A specific statement showing events and dates of the acts constituting the alleged harassment STD. OF PROOF: Reasonable Evidence	No contact; no third party contact; stay away from residence, work, school or other designated locations or persons; relief necessary for the protection of the alleged victim and other designated persons GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Court shall forward to the sheriff of the county in which the court is located a copy of the injunction and a copy of the affidavit or certificate of service of process	May be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings



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California CAL. CIV. PRO. CODE § 527.6 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Harassment Restraining Order DURATION: 3 years COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following or harassing another person and making a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her immediate family. CAL. PENAL CODE § 646.9 (West 2009)	<i>Civil Code:</i> Unlawful violence, a credible threat of violence, or a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses the person, and that serves no legitimate purpose	A person who has suffered harassment (12 and older)	Reasonable proof of harassment and that great or irreparable harm would result to the plaintiff STD. OF PROOF: Clear & Convincing	Injunctive relief GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	Plaintiff or the attorney for the plaintiff to deliver a copy of order to law enforcement by the close of the business day on which the order was granted.	Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both
Colorado Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann.§13-14-102 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION: Statute is silent Cost: No filing fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> In connection with a credible threat, person repeatedly follows, approaches, contacts, makes any form of communication with, or places under surveillance another, a member of that other person's immediate family, or someone with whom that person has or has had a continuing relationship OR	N/A	Victim of domestic violence, elder abuse, stalking and/or assaults or threats of bodily harm	Victim of stalking STD. OF PROOF: Of the opinion that the defendant has committed acts constituting grounds for issuance of a civil protection order and that unless restrained will continue to commit such acts	No contact; no violent contact; no third party contact; stay away from the family home or the home of another; temporary care and control of any minor children of either party GUN RESTRAINT? Unclear	Court electronically transfers into central registry	Criminal contempt; Class 2 misdemeanor unless previous violation, in which case, Class 1.



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	does the above such that a reasonable person would be in fear for his/her safety or the safety of an immediate family member or safety of person with whom they have or had a continuing relationship. Colo. REV. STAT. ANN.§18-9-111 (West 2009)						
Delaware DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 10, § 1041 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION: 1 year; 6 month extension COST: No filing fee	Not defined as stalking or harassment, but as "Abuse": Intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause physical injury or a sexual offense; placing or attempting to place another person in reasonable apprehension of physical injury or sexual offense; damaging, destroying or taking tangible property of another person; engaging in a course of alarming or distressing	N/A	Any person on their own behalf, or on behalf of their minor child or an infirm adult; Division of Child Protective Services on behalf of minor child; Division of Adult Protective Services on behalf of an infirm adult	A family member, former spouse, or co-habitater with or without a child has engaged in stalking/domestic violence STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; No violent contact; support order; custody order; restitution; no damage to property owned jointly by the parties, stay away order; order that respondent participate in counseling; any other relief deemed necessary. GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	A copy of a protective order granted under this part shall be entered into the Delaware Justice Information System by the Court on or before the next business day.	Contempt; criminal prosecution; imprisonment or fine or both



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	conduct in a manner which is likely to cause fear or emotional distress or to provoke a violent or disorderly response; trespassing on or in property of another person, or on or in property from which the trespasser has been excluded by court order; child abuse; unlawful imprisonment, kidnapping, interference with custody; any other conduct which a reasonable person under the circumstances would find threatening or harmful.						
District of Columbia D.C. Code § 16- 1003 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order	<i>Criminal Code:</i> On more than one occasion engages in conduct with the intent to cause emotional distress to another person or places another person in reasonable fear of death or bodily	N/A	Person who has been stalked, if 16 years of age or older; parent/guardian of minor may file on behalf of minor; AG may also file on behalf of petitioner when requested	Petitioner must show that the respondent has committed or is threatening to commit stalking STD. OF PROOF: Good cause	No contact; no violent contact; any party to participate in psychiatric or medical treatment; stay away from residence; award personal property; temporary custody&	Court orders law enforcement to enforce the order	Misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both

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DURATION: 1 year Cost: Statute is silent	injury by willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following or harassing that person, or, without a legal purpose, willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or harasses another person D.C. CODE § 22- 404(b) (2009)				visitation; costs and attorney fees; order Police Dept. to act so as to enforce the orders; directs respondent to perform or refrain from any other acts as appropriate. GUN RESTRAINT? Yes		
Florida FLA. STAT. ANN. § 784.046 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Petition for Protective Injunction DURATION: Until modified or dissolved COST: No filing fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following, harassing, or cyberstalking another person. FLA. STAT. ANN. § 784.048 (West 2009)	N/A	Any person who is the victim of stalking or aggravated stalking or the parent or legal guardian of any minor child who is living at home on behalf of minor child.	Specific facts & circumstances of stalking STD. OF PROOF: Statute is silent	No violent contact; other relief as the court deems necessary for the protection of the petitioner GUN RESTRAINT? Unclear	Within 24 hours, entry into Statewide Verification System that allows electronic transmission of the injunction	Arrest; civil or criminal contempt; fine. A willful violation (by behavior specifically listed in the statute) is a first degree misdemeanor and punishable as such.
Georgia GA. CODE ANN., § 16-5-90 (West 2009) NATURE OF	Following, placing under surveillance, or contacting another person without the consent of the other person for	N/A	A person who is not a minor who alleges stalking by another person. A person who is not a minor may	Stalking by the respondent has occurred in the past and may occur in the future STD. OF PROOF:	No harassing contact; costs/fees to either party; any party to receive appropriate psychiatric or psychological	Clerk shall issue a copy to the sheriff of the county wherein the order was entered	Arrest, civil or criminal contempt, or fine of up to \$10,000

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PROCEEDING: Civil Restr. Order DURATION: One year; upon motion, court can grant a three year or permanent. GA. CODE ANN. §19-13- 4(c) (West 2009) COST: None	the purpose of harassing and intimidating the other person		also seek relief on behalf of a minor.	Preponderance	services as a further measure to prevent the recurrence of stalking GUN RESTRAINT? Unclear		
Hawaii Haw. REV. STAT. § 604-10.5 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Restraining Order Against Harassment DURATION: 3 years COST: Statute is silent	<i>Criminal Code:</i> With intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person, or in reckless disregard of the risk thereof, engaging in a course of conduct involving pursuit, surveillance, or non-consensual contact upon the other person on more than one occasion without legitimate purpose HAW. REV. STAT. § 711-1106.5 (2009)	Physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or the threat thereof; or an intentional or knowing course of conduct that seriously alarms or disturbs consistently or continually bothers another, and that serves no legitimate purpose; provided that such course of conduct would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress	Any person who has been subjected to harassment	Past act of harassment may have occurred, or threats of harassment make it probable that acts of harassment may be imminent; and specific facts and circumstances from which relief is sought STD. OF PROOF: Clear & Convincing	Injunction GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Any order issued shall be transmitted to the chief of police of the county in which the order is issued by way of regular mail, facsimile transmission, or other similar means of transmission	Mandatory appropriate counseling and mandatory imprisonment for specified terms
Indiana IND. CODE ANN. § 34-26-5-2 (West 2009)	Criminal Code: Intentional course of conduct involving repeated harassment of	N/A	Person who is or has been a victim of domestic or family violence (including stalking)	Respondent represents a credible threat to the safety of a petitioner or a	No contact; stay away; no harassing; removal order; award possession of	Court shall transmit the order to local law enforcement by the end of the	Confinement in prison and/or fines

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NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION: 2 years; can be extended COST: No fees	another that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, or threatened and that actually causes such feeling IND. CODE ANN. § 34-45-10-5 (West 2009)			member of a petitioner's household. STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	residence or other personal effects; award custody; child and victim support payments; restitution; or other relief as the court deems necessary. GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	same business day on which the order is issued	
Kansas Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-31a01 (2009) Nature of Proceeding: Civil Protective Order Duration: 1 year Cost: No fees	An intentional harassment of another person that places the other person in reasonable fear for that person's safety.	A knowing and intentional course of conduct directed at a specific person that seriously alarms, annoys, torments or terrorizes the person, and that serves no legitimate purpose.	Victim of stalking or harassment or a parent or an adult living with a child who is being stalked	Two or more separate acts of stalking and harassment over a period of time STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no violent contact; stay away from residence; order or restrain any other acts deemed necessary by the court to protect the victim of stalking GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	A copy of any order shall be issued to the victim, the defendant and the police department of the city where the victim resides.	Contempt; criminal prosecution
Louisiana LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:2131 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION:	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Intentional and repeated following or harassing of another person that would cause a reasonable person to feel alarmed or to suffer emotional distress LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 14:40.2 (2009)	N/A	Victim of abuse (including stalking), parent or adult on behalf of a child or person who is incompetent, District Attorney on behalf of a minor child or incompetent adult.	The facts and circumstances concerning the alleged abuse; the relationship between each petitioner and each individual alleged to have committed abuse STD. OF PROOF:	No contact; stay away; possession of the household; no transfer of mutually owned property; temporary custody, visitation and support; counseling or professional medical treatment	Court to send to the chief law enforcement official of the parish where the petitioner resides	Contempt, up to 6 months in jail, or a fine up to \$500

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18 months Cost: None				Preponderance	for the defendant or the abused person, or both. GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent		
Maryland MD. CODE ANN., CTS. & JUD. PRO. § 3-1501 (West 2009) MD. CODE ANN., FAM. LAW § 4-501 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Peace Order or Protective Order DURATION: Peace Order: 6 months Protective Order: 12 months COST: None for Protective Order; Silent for Peace Order	A malicious course of conduct that includes approaching or pursuing another when one reasonably should have known the conduct would place another in reasonable fear of serious bodily injury; of an assault in any degree; of rape or sexual offense or attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree; of false imprisonment; or of death; or that a third person likely will suffer any of the above. MD. CODE ANN., CRIM. LAW § 3-802 (West 2009)	Following another in or about a public place; or, a malicious course of conduct that alarms or seriously annoys another, with the intent to harass, alarm, or annoy the other, after receiving a reasonable warning or request to stop by or on behalf of the other, and without a legal purpose. MD. CODE ANN., CRIM. LAW § 3-803 (West 2009)	Victim of stalking or harassment	Nature and extent of the stalking, including information known to the petitioner concerning previous harm or injury resulting STD. OF PROOF: Clear & Convincing	No contact; no violent contact; stay away from residence, temporary residence, or school; either party to pay filing fees and costs; either party to participate in professionally supervised counseling; if parties are amenable, mediation (award custody of child, support payments for protective order). GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent for Peace Order; Yes for Protective Order	Copy of final order given to appropriate law enforcement agency	Criminal prosecution and imprisonment (not exceeding 90 days) or fine (not exceeding \$1000), or both



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Michigan Michigan Comp. Laws § 600.2950a (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Petition for Personal Protective Order DURATION: Not less than 182 days COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested and that actually causes such feeling. MICHIGAN COMP. LAWS § 750.411(h- i) (2009)	N/A	Any individual seeking relief from stalking unless respondent is an unemancipated minor child of the petitioner, the petitioner is an unemancipated minor of the respondent, or the respondent is less than 10 years old.	Facts that constitute stalking STD. OF PROOF: Statute is silent	Injunction Relief may be sought and granted regardless of whether respondent has been criminally charged or convicted. GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	Law enforcement agency immediately enters the order into the Law Enforcement Information Network	If respondent is 17 or older, immediate arrest and civil & criminal contempt powers of court – if found guilty of contempt, imprisoned for not more than 93 days and fined no more than \$500
Minnesota MINN. STAT. ANN. §609.748 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Harassment Restraining Order DURATION: No more than two years COST: Fee waived if stalking is alleged	Stalks, follows, monitors, or pursues another, whether in person or through technological or other means. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 609.749, subd. 2(a) (West 2009)	A single incident of physical or sexual assault or repeated incidents of intrusive or unwanted acts, words or gestures that have a substantial adverse effect or are intended to have such effect on the safety, security, or privacy of another, regardless of the relationship	Victim of harassment; parent, guardian or stepparent on behalf of a minor	Specific facts and circumstances STD. OF PROOF: Reasonable Grounds	No contact; stay away GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	Shall be forwarded by the court administrator within 24 hours to local law enforcement	Misdemeanor and/or civil contempt; felony when certain conditions are present



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Missouri Mo. Ann. Stat. §455.005 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 6-12 months COST: No filing fees, court costs or bonds	Purposely and repeatedly engaging in an unwanted course of conduct that causes alarm to another when it is reasonable in that person's situation to have been alarmed by the conduct	Engaging in a purposeful or knowing course of conduct involving more than one incident that alarms or causes distress to another adult and serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable adult to suffer substantial emotional distress and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the petitioner.	Adult victim of stalking	A verified petition alleging such stalking by respondent STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no violent contact; no third party contact; stay away from Petitioner's dwelling; temporary custody and support of minor children where appropriate; award court costs; award medical costs; order respondent to participate in court-approved counseling. GUN RESTRAINT? Unclear	A copy is issued to the local law enforcement agency where petitioner resides and entered the same day into Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System	Misdemeanor; felony when certain conditions are present. Court may punish willful violation to same extent as provided by law for contempt of court.
Montana Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-116 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: Can be permanent COST: No costs	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Knowingly causing another substantial emotional distress or reasonable apprehension of bodily injury or death by repeatedly following; or harassing, threatening or intimidating, in person or by mail, electronic communication, or	N/A	Any adult who has been the victim of stalking	Petitioner is in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury STD. OF PROOF: Statute is silent	No contact; stay away from Petitioner's residence; 1500 ft. stay away worksite or other specified place GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	Within 24 hours, the clerk shall mail a copy of the order to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, which shall, within 24 hours after receipt of the order, enter the order into the database of the National Crime Information Center	Penalties of up to \$10,000 in fines and up to a 5-year jail sentence



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	any other action, device, or method. MONT. CODE ANN. § 45-5-220 (2009)						
Nebraska NEB. REV. STAT. § 28-311.02 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Harassment Protective Order DURATION: One year COST: No fees	Willful harassment of another person, or a family or household member of such person, with the intent to injure, terrify, threaten, or intimidate	A knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously terrifies, threatens, or intimidates the person and which serves no legitimate purpose	Any victim who has been harassed	The events and dates of acts constituting the alleged harassment STD. OF PROOF: Statute is silent	No contact; no violent contact; no restraint upon liberty of petitioner GUN RESTRAINT? No	The clerk of the court shall forthwith provide the local law enforcement agency one copy of the order	Misdemeanor; arrest or contempt
Nevada NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 200.591 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Judicial Order DURATION: 1 year COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Without lawful authority, willfully or maliciously engaging in a course of conduct that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated or harassed, and that actually causes such feeling. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 200.575 (West 2009)	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Without lawful authority, knowingly threatening to cause bodily injury in the future to the person threatened or to any other person; to cause physical damage to the property of another; to subject the person threatened or any other person to physical confinement or restraint; to do any act which is	Any person who reasonably believes that the crime of stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment is being committed against him by another person	Specific facts and circumstances as victim of stalking opr harassment STD. OF PROOF: Unclear	No contact; no violent contact; stay away from home, school, business or workplace of the Petitioner or any other location specifically named by the court; any other restriction which the court deems necessary to protect the Petitioner or any other person named in the order GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Each court that issues an order shall transmit, as soon as practicable, a copy of the order to all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction	Felony; Imprisonment for 1- 5 years; fine of not more than \$10,000.



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		intended to substantially harm the person threatened or any other person with respect to his physical or mental health or safety; and the person by words or conduct places the person receiving the threat in reasonable fear that the threat will be carried out. NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 200.571 (West 2009)					
New Hampshire N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 173-B:1 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 1 year; may be extended COST: No filing fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Purposely, knowingly, or recklessly engaging in 2 or more acts targeted at a specific person which would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her personal safety or the safety of a member of that person's immediate family, and the person is actually placed in such fear. N.H.	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Making a telephone call with no legitimate communicative purpose or without disclosing identity and with the purpose to annoy, abuse, threaten or alarm another; making repeated communications at extremely inconvenient times or with coarse language; insulting, taunting or challenging	Any person; no age limit	Defendant represents a credible threat to the safety of the plaintiff STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no violent contact with Petitioner or family or household; stay away from residence, workplace, school, or any specified place; no taking, converting, or damaging property in which the plaintiff may have a legal or equitable interest; award custody; award payments for child care and other necessary	A copy shall be promptly transmitted to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to enforce such order	A willful violation of this order is a crime, as well as contempt of court. Violations of the protective provisions shall result in arrest and may result in imprisonment.



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	REV. STAT. ANN. § 633:3-a (2009)	another in a manner likely to provoke a violent response; knowingly communicating any matter of a character tending to incite murder, assault or arson; or communicating any matter containing any threat to kidnap or harm another; communicating with another with purpose to annoy or alarm when previously notified that recipient does not desire further communication. N.H. REV. STAT. § 644:4 (2009).			support; restitution; ordering respondent to attend batterer's intervention program; attorneys' fees. GUN RESTRAINT? Yes		
New Mexico N.M. STAT. ANN. §40-13-3 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Order of Protection DURATION: 6 months if it involves custody or support;	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Knowingly pursuing a pattern of conduct that would cause a reasonable person to feel frightened, intimidated or threatened. Must intend to place another person in reasonable apprehension of death, bodily	N/A	Victim of stalking	Immediate danger of abuse following an incident of abuse by the respondent STD. OF PROOF: Reasonable grounds	Injunctive relief; counseling; stay away; no contact; possession of residence; child custody and support; restitution. GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Court clerk to send to the local law enforcement agency	First offense is a misdemeanor, second or subsequent offenses lead to jail time of not less than 72 hours



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injunctive orders continue until modified. Cost: No fees.	harm, sexual assault, confinement or restraint or to cause a reasonable person to fear for his/her safety or the safety of a household member. N.M. STAT. ANN. §30- 3A-3 (West 2009)						
New York N.Y. FAM. CT. ACT § 821 (MCKINNEY 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION: Up to 5 years but usually granted for 1-2 years COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Intentionally, for no legitimate purpose, engaging in a course of conduct, knowing or reasonably should know that such conduct is likely to cause or causes reasonable fear of material harm to physical health, safety or property of such person, a member of such person's immediate family, or a third party acquaintance; or is likely to cause such person to reasonably fear that his/her employment, business or career is threatened. N.Y.	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Intentionally and repeatedly following a person in or about a public place or places or engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts which place such person in reasonable fear of physical injury. N.Y. PENAL LAW § 240.25 (McKinney 2009).	Any person related to the alleged abuser as spouse, former spouse, parent, child or other member of the same family or household	Respondent committed harassment, stalking toward the petitioner; and respondent is the spouse, former spouse, parent, child or other member of the same family or household as the petitioner STD. OF PROOF: Good cause	No contact; no violent contact; no harm to animals; batterers' intervention program; stay away; payment of fees; payment of medical expenses; child visitation; removal order; child custody GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	Court transfers into central registry	Upon the filing of a petition by the original petitioner or any person who may originate proceedings, the court can either modify the order or transfer to criminal court.



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	Penal Law § 120.45 (McKinney 2009).						
North Carolina N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. § 50C-1 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil No Contact Order DURATION: 1 year COST: No fees	Following more than once or otherwise harassing without legal purpose, with intent to place in reasonable fear for personal safety or the safety of immediate family or close personal associates; cause to suffer substantial emotional distress by placing in fear of death, bodily injury, or continued harassment	Criminal Code: Knowing conduct, including written, printed or electronic communication or transmission, directed at a specific person that torments, terrorizes, or terrifies that person and that serves no legitimate purpose. N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. § 14- 277.3A(b)(2) (West 2009)	A person who is a victim of unlawful conduct by someone with whom they are not in personal relationship, or a competent adult on their behalf	Petitioner has suffered unlawful conduct committed by the respondent STD. OF PROOF: Statute is silent	No contact; no violent contact; stay away from petitioner's residence, school, workplace, or other specified places; other relief deemed necessary and appropriate by the court GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	On the same day order is issued, clerk shall deliver a certified copy of that order to the sheriff.	Contempt of court which may result in a fine or imprisonment
Ohio OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.214 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 5 years COST: No filing fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A pattern of conduct that knowingly causes another to believe that the offender will cause physical harm or mental distress to the other person; using any method of remotely transferring information to post a message with a purpose to urge or		Any person, or any parent or adult household member on behalf of any other family or household member	Respondent engaged in menacing by stalking STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	Stay away from residence, school, business, or workplace of the petitioner or family or household member; any other terms designed to ensure the safety and protection of the person to be protected by the protected by the protection order GUN RESTRAINT? Notice given to	The court shall deliver a copy to all law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction to enforce the order. All law enforcement agencies shall establish and maintain an index for the protection orders.	First violation: misdemeanor, punishable by 6 months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Subsequent violations: felony, punishable by a mandatory prison term of 6-12 months, and/or a fine of up to \$2,500.



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	incite another to commit a violation of this section. OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 2903.211 (West 2009)				respondent that the Order <i>may</i> make possession by respondent of firearm unlawful.		
Oklahoma 22 OKL. STAT. ANN. tit. 22 § 60.1 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 3 years COST: No fees	Willful, malicious and repeated following with the intent of placing a person in reasonable fear of death or great bodily injury [but see harassment for behavior by a family or household member or former or current dating partner]	A knowing and willful course of conduct by a family or household member or dating partner, directed at a specific person which reasonably and seriously alarms or annoys the person, and serves no legitimate purpose	Victim of domestic abuse, stalking, harassment, rape, including minors age 16 to 17 independently Any adult or emancipated minor household member on behalf of family or household member who is a minor or incompetent	Stalking NOT by family or household member or former or current dating partner Petitioner required to report to law enforcement STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	Any terms and conditions that the court reasonably believes are necessary GUN RESTRAINT? Unclear	Within 24 hours of the return of service, the clerk shall send certified copies of the order to all appropriate law enforcement agencies designated by the plaintiff. Receiving law enforcement agency shall enter information in the National Crime Information Center database	Misdemeanor; punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to 1 year, or by both. A violation of the order which causes injury is punishable by imprisonment for 20 days to 1 year or a fine of up to \$5,000, or by both
Oregon OR. REV. STAT. ANN. § 163.730 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Stalking Protective Order DURATION: Unlimited COST: No filing fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Knowingly alarming or coercing another person or a member of that person's immediate family or household by engaging in repeated and unwanted contact with the other person and it is objectively	N/A	A person alleging stalking	Conduct that is the basis for the complaint STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact Gun Restraint? Yes	Person serving the order shall forthwith deliver to the county sheriff a true copy of the order and an affidavit of proof of service. Upon receipt, the county sheriff shall forthwith enter the order into the Law Enforcement Data System and into the National Crime	Class A misdemeanor or class C Felony



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	reasonable for a person in the victim's situation to have been alarmed or coerced by the contact; and the repeated and unwanted contact causes the victim reasonable apprehension regarding the personal safety of the victim or a member of the victim's immediate family or household.					Information Center	
Rhode Island R.I. GEN. LAWS § 15-15-1 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protection Order DURATION: Statute is silent COST: No fees	Harassing another person or willfully, maliciously and repeatedly following another person with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of bodily injury; transmitting any communication by computer to any person or causing any person to be contacted for the sole purpose of harassing that person or his or her family	A knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person with the intent to seriously alarm, annoy, or bother the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, or be in fear of bodily injury	A person suffering from stalking by a present or former family member, parent, stepparent, or person with whom the petitioner is or has been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship within the past one year in which at least one of the persons is a minor	One or more acts of stalking STD. OF PROOF: Not specified	No contact; no violent contact; stay away; exclusion from household; custody; child support GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	Order is sent to appropriate law enforcement agency	Contempt; misdemeanor punished by a fine of no more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both; may be ordered to attend counseling



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South Carolina S.C. CODE ANN. § 16-3-1750 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Restraining Order Against Stalking and Harassment DURATION: Not less than 1 year COST: No filing or service fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A pattern of words, whether verbal, written, or electronic, or a pattern of conduct that serves no legitimate purpose and is intended to cause and does cause atargeted person and would cause a reasonable person in the targeted person's position to fear the death, assault, bodily injury, criminal sexual contact, kidnapping, or damage to the property of the person or a member of his family	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A pattern of intentional, substantial, and unreasonable intrusion into the private life of a targeted person that serves no legitimate purpose and causes the person and would cause a reasonable person to suffer mental or emotional distress	Victim of harassment or stalking	Defendant engaged in harassment or stalking; the time, place, and manner of the acts complained of, and other facts & circumstances upon which relief is sought STD. OF PROOF: Good Cause	No contact; no violent contact; stay away from Petitioner's place of residence, employment, education, or other location GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Magistrates court shall serve copy on local law enforcement having jurisdiction	Criminal offense punishable by 30 days in jail, a fine of \$500, or both
South Dakota S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 22-19A-8 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following or harassing another; making a credible threat to another with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or great	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose.	Victim of stalking	Specific facts and circumstances of stalking STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No acts of stalking; other relief as the court deems necessary for the protection of the [petitioner] including orders or directives to law enforcement officials GUN RESTRAINT?	The petitioner may deliver the order to law enforcement within 24 hours. Law enforcement shall make available to other law enforcement.	Misdemeanor; Felony if another act of stalking



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DURATION: 5 years Cost: Statute is silent	bodily injury; or willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly harassing another by means of any verbal, electronic, digital media, mechanical, telegraphic, or written communication				Statute is silent		
Tennessee TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-601 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 1 year COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested, and that actually causes such feeling. TENN. CODE ANN. § 39- 17-315 (West 2009)	N/A	Any victim who has been subjected to, threatened with, or placed in fear of stalking (Minor petitioners must have a parent/guardian's signature)	Petitioner was subjected to, threatened with, or placed in fear of stalking STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no stalking/violent behavior; no third party contact; possession of the residence; suitable alternate housing when respondent is the sole owner or lessee of the residence; temp. custody; spousal and child support if parties are married; respondent to attend counseling addressing violence and control issues or substance abuse GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	A copy shall be issued to local law enforcement with jurisdiction where the petitioner resides. Upon receipt, law enforcement shall immediately enter into the Tennessee Crime Information System and the National Crime Information Center	The court may hold the defendant in civil or criminal contempt and a civil penalty of \$50.00
Texas Tex. Code Crim.	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Knowingly	N/A	The victim of stalking	Respondent's arrest for stalking	No contact; no violent contact; no	Magistrate shall send a copy to law	Fine of as much as \$4,000 or by

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PROC. ANN. art. 17.292 (Vernon 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Magistrate's Order for Emergency Protection DURATION: 31-91 days COST: Statute is silent	engaging in a course of conduct, including following the other person, that the actor knows or reasonably believes will cause the other to fear bodily injury or death, harm to a member of the other person's family or household or the other person's property; and actually and reasonably causes such fear. TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. ANN. art. 42.072 (Vernon 2009)		The guardian of the victim A peace officer The attorney representing the state		third party contact; stay away from the residence, school, child care or workplace of the victim or victim's family members GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	enforcement where the protected person resides <i>Orders suspending</i> <i>concealed</i> <i>handgun permit:</i> Clerk shall immediately send order to Dep't of Public Safety, who shall record suspension, demand surrender, and notify law enforcement	confinement in jail for as long as one year or both
Utah UTAH CODE ANN. § 77-3A-101 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Stalking Injunction DURATION: 3 years COST: No filing or service fee	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Intentionally or knowingly engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury to himself or a member of his immediate family; or to suffer emotional distress to himself or a	N/A	Any person who believes that he or she is the victim of stalking	Specific events and dates of the actions constituting stalking and corroborating evidence STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no third party contact; stay away from residence, workplace, school or designated locations or persons; any other relief necessary or convenient for the protection of the petitioner and other designated persons GUN RESTRAINT?	Within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, the clerk shall enter a copy in the statewide network for warrants or a similar system	Contempt or criminal stalking charge



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	member of his immediate family. UTAH CODE ANN. § 76-5-106.5 (West 2009)				Statute is silent		
Vermont VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 12, § 5131 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: A fixed period COST: No filing fee	A course of conduct including following, lying in wait, or threatening directed at a specific person or a member of their family, which serves no legitimate purpose and would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or to feel substantial emotional distress	N/A	A person, other than a family or household member, on behalf of self or his or her children	Evidence of stalking STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no third party contact; any other such order necessary to protect the plaintiff or the plaintiff's children, or both GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Court shall transmit a copy of the order to the department of public safety's protection order database. Law enforcement shall establish procedures for making their personnel aware of the existence and contents of such orders.	A fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for six months, or both
Virginia VA. CODE ANN. § 19.2-152.10 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 2 years COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Conduct directed at another on more than one occasion, with the intent to place, or when it is known or reasonably should be known that the conduct places that person in reasonable fear of death, criminal sexual assault, or bodily injury to that person or to that	N/A	Victim of criminal stalking	Victim of criminal stalking STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; any other relief necessary to prevent criminal offenses that may resulting injury to person or property, or acts of stalking, communication or other contact of any kind by the respondent GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	Clerk shall upon receipt forward an attested copy to law enforcement, which shall, upon receipt, enter it into the VA Criminal Information Network Where practical, the court may transfer information electronically to	Contempt



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	person's family or household					the VA Criminal Information Network	
Washington WASH. REV. CODE ANN. § 10.14.010 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Anti- harassment Protective Order DURATION: 1 year COST: No fees if a victim of stalking	Criminal Code: Intentionally and repeatedly harassing or repeatedly following another person and the person being harassed or followed is placed in fear that the stalker intends to injure the person, or property of the person or of another person (must be fear that reasonable person in same situation would experience). The stalked must either intend to frighten, intimidate or harass the person OR know or reasonably should know that the person is in fear. WASH. REV. CODE ANN. § 9A.46.110 (West 2009)	Without legitimate or lawful purpose, a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, harasses, or is detrimental to such person, and actually and reasonably causes substantial emotional distress to the petitioner, or, when the course of conduct would cause a reasonable parent to fear for the well- being of their child	A victim of stalking or harassment Parent or guardian thereof	The existence of unlawful harassment, with specific facts and circumstances STD. OF PROOF: Preponderance	No contact; no surveillance; stay away from home and workplace; respondent to pay fees and costs GUN RESTRAINT? Yes, if court finds by clear and convincing evidence	A copy shall be forwarded by the clerk on or before the next judicial day to the appropriate law enforcement agency, who shall, upon receipt, enter the order into any computer- based criminal intelligence information system	Criminal penalties; contempt
Wisconsin Wis. Stat. Ann. §	<i>Criminal Code:</i> Two or more acts	Striking, shoving, kicking or	Victim of stalking	Respondent has engaged in	No contact; stay away from	Within one business day,	Fine not more than \$1,000 or

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813.125 (West 2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Harassment Restraining Order DURATION: 4 years COST: Statute is silent	carried out over time, however short or long, that show a continuity of purpose, including any of the following: [detailed examples in statute]. WIs. STAT. ANN. § 940.32 (West 2009)	otherwise subjecting another person to physical contact; engaging in an act that would constitute abuse, sexual assault, or stalking (under criminal code), or attempting or threatening to do the same or engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts which harass or intimidate another person and which serve no legitimate purpose.		harassment with intent to harass or intimidate the petitioner STD. OF PROOF: Reasonable Grounds	Petitioner's residence or premises GUN RESTRAINT? Yes	clerk shall send a copy to the law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction over the petitioner's premises. Law enforcement shall enter into the Transaction Information for Management of Enforcement system no later than 24 hours after receipt.	imprisoned not more than 90 days or both
Wyon Stat. Ann. § 7-3-506 (2009) NATURE OF PROCEEDING: Civil Protective Order DURATION: 1 year COST: No fees	<i>Criminal Code:</i> A course of conduct intended to and reasonably likely to harass another, including but not limited to: Communicating, anonymously or otherwise, or causing a communication with another by any means in a manner that harasses; Following another,	N/A	A victim of stalking, or the district attorney on behalf of the alleged victim	Facts showing the alleged stalking and the identity of the alleged stalker STD. OF PROOF: Statute is silent (Temporary order: a clear and present danger of further stalking or of serious adverse consequences to any person)	No contact; no violent contact; no third party contact; stay away from Petitioner's home, school, business or other designated locations GUN RESTRAINT? Statute is silent	A copy of the order of protection shall be filed with the sheriff of the county.	Misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, a fine of not more than \$750, or both. Temporary and final orders of protection have statewide applicability and a criminal prosecution under this subsection may be commenced in any



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	other than within the residence of the defendant; Placing a person under surveillance by remaining present outside his or her school, workplace, vehicle, other place occupied by the person, or residence other than the residence of the defendant; or Otherwise engaging in a harassing course of conduct. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 6-2-506 (2009)						county in which the respondent commits an act in violation of the order