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STATE	STATE CODE PROVISION	TIME LIMIT
Alabama	<p>Protection Order A final protection order is of permanent duration unless otherwise specified or modified by the court. Code of Ala. §30-5-7(d)(2) (2011).</p> <p>A temporary ex parte order is effective until the final protection order is entered. Code of Ala. § 30-5-7 (d)(1) (2011).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Effective until final protection Order.</p>
Alaska	<p>Protection Order A protective order prohibiting the respondent from threatening to commit or committing domestic violence, stalking, or harassment is effective until further notice of the court. Other provisions are effective for one year unless earlier dissolved by court order. Alaska Stat. §18.66.100(b)(1) – (b)(2) (2011).</p> <p>An ex parte protective order expires 20 days after it is issued unless dissolved earlier by the court. Alaska Stat. § 18.66.110(a) (2011).</p> <p>An emergency protective order expires 72 hours after it is issued unless dissolved earlier by the court at the request of the petitioner. Alaska Stat. § 18.66.110(b) (2011).</p> <p>Protection Order for Stalking and Sexual Assault If the court finds by a preponderance of evidence that the respondent has committed stalking or sexual assault against the petitioner, regardless of whether the respondent appears at the hearing, the court may order any relief available under (c) of this section. The provisions of a protective order issued under this section are effective for six months unless earlier dissolved by the court. Alaska Stat. §18.65.850(b) (2011).</p> <p>An ex parte protective order expires 20 days after it is issued unless dissolved earlier by the court at the request of either the petitioner or the respondent after notice and, if requested, a hearing. Alaska Stat. § 18.65.855(a) (2011).</p> <p>An emergency protective order for stalking and sexual assault requested</p>	<p>One (1) year. No harassing or violent contact provisions permanent.</p> <p>Twenty (20) Days.</p> <p>Seventy-two (72) Hours.</p> <p>Six (6) Months.</p> <p>Twenty (20) Days.</p> <p>Seventy-two (72) Hours.</p>

	by a peace officer on behalf of a victim expires 72 hours after it is issued unless dissolved earlier by the court at the request of the petitioner. Alaska Stat. § 18.65.855(b) (2011).	
Arizona	<p>Order of Protection A copy of the petition and the order shall be served on the defendant within one year from the date the order is signed. An order of protection that is not served on the defendant within one year expires. An order expires one year after service on the defendant. A.R.S. §13-3602(K) (2011).</p> <p>A hearing that is requested by a party who is under an order of protection or who is restrained from contacting the other party shall be held within ten days from the date requested unless the court finds good cause to continue the hearing. If exclusive use of the home is awarded, the hearing shall be held within five days from the date requested. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time. An ex parte order that is issued under this section shall state on its face that the defendant is entitled to a hearing on written request and shall include the name and address of the judicial office where the request may be filed. After the hearing, the court may modify, quash or continue the order. A.R.S. § 13-3602 (I) (2011).</p> <p>Injunction Against Harassment A copy of the petition and the injunction shall be served on the defendant within one year from the date the injunction is signed. An injunction that is not served on the defendant within one year expires. The injunction is effective on the defendant on service of a copy of the injunction and petition and expires one year after service on the defendant. A modified injunction is effective upon service and expires one year after service of the initial injunction and petition. A.R.S. §12-1809(J) (2011).</p> <p>A hearing that is requested by a defendant shall be held within ten days from the date requested unless the court finds compelling reasons to continue the hearing. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time. An ex parte injunction that is issued under this section shall state on its face that the defendant is entitled to a hearing on written request and shall include the name and address of the judicial office where the</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Ten (10) Days.</p> <p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Ten (10) Days.</p>

	request may be filed. After the hearing, the court may modify, quash or continue the injunction. A.R.S. § 12-1809 (2011).	
Arkansas	<p>Any relief granted by the circuit court for protection under the provisions of this chapter shall be for a fixed period of time not less than ninety (90) days nor more than ten (10) years in duration in the discretion of the court, and may be renewed at a subsequent hearing upon proof and a finding by the circuit court that the threat of domestic abuse still exists. A.C.A. §9-15-205(b) (2011).</p> <p>Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-204 the hearing should occur not later than thirty (30) days from the date on which the petition is filed or at the next court date, whichever is later. An ex parte temporary order of protection is effective until the date of the hearing described in § 9-15-204. A.C.A. § 9-15-206(c) (2011).</p>	<p>Ninety (90) Days – Ten (10) Years.</p> <p>Effective until hearing.</p>
California	<p>Protection Order In the discretion of the court, the personal conduct, stay-away, and residence exclusion orders may have a duration of not more than five years, subject to termination or modification by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party. These orders may be renewed, upon the request of a party, either for five years or permanently, without a showing of any further abuse since the issuance of the original order, subject to termination or modification by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of a party. Failure to state an expiration date creates an order with a duration of three years from the date of issuance. Cal Fam Code §6345(a)-(c) (2011).</p> <p>An emergency protective order expires at the earlier of the following times: (a) The close of judicial business on the fifth court day following the day of its issuance. (b) The seventh calendar day following the day of its issuance. Cal Fam Code § 6256 (2010).</p> <p>Injunction Against Harassment A person who has suffered harassment may seek a temporary restraining order and an injunction prohibiting harassment as provided in this</p>	<p>Five (5) years, order can be made permanent upon motion.</p> <p>Seven (7) Days or Fifth (5) Court Day After Issuance.</p> <p>Three (3) Years.</p>

	<p>section. Within 15 days, or, if good cause appears to the court, 22 days from the date the temporary restraining order is issued, a hearing shall be held on the petition for the injunction. The defendant may file a response that explains, excuses, justifies, or denies the alleged harassment or may file a cross-complaint under this section. At the hearing, the judge shall receive any testimony that is relevant, and may make an independent inquiry. If the judge finds by clear and convincing evidence that unlawful harassment exists, an injunction shall issue prohibiting the harassment. An injunction issued pursuant to this section shall have a duration of not more than three years. At any time within the three months before the expiration of the injunction, the plaintiff may apply for a renewal of the injunction by filing a new petition for an injunction under this section. Cal Code Civ Proc § 527.6 (d) (2011).</p>	Fifteen (15) Days.
Colorado	<p>Civil Protection Order If upon such examination the judge or magistrate is 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, the judge or magistrate shall order the temporary civil protection order to be made permanent or order a permanent civil protection order with different provisions from the temporary civil protection order. C.R.S. § 13-14-102(9)(a) (2010).</p> <p>The return date of the citation shall be set not more than fourteen days after the issuance of the temporary civil protection order and citation. If the petitioner is unable to serve the defendant in that period, the court shall extend the temporary protection order previously issued, continue the show of cause hearing, and issue an alias citation stating the date and time to which the hearing is continued. The petitioner may thereafter request, and the court may grant, additional continuances as needed if the petitioner has still been unable to serve the defendant. C.R.S. § 13-14-102(7) (2010).</p> <p>An emergency protection order issued pursuant to this subsection (1) shall expire not later than the close of judicial business on the next day of judicial business following the day of issue, unless otherwise continued by the court. C.R.S. 13-14-103(1)(f) (2010).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Fourteen (14) Days.</p> <p>Close of next judicial business day.</p>
Connecticut	Order of Protection	Six (6) Months. May be extended.

	<p>No order of the court shall exceed six months, except that an order may be extended by the court upon motion of the applicant for such additional time as the court deems necessary. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-15(d) (2010).</p> <p>Upon receipt of the application the court shall order that a hearing on the application be held not later than fourteen days from the date of the order.</p> <p>If a postponement of a hearing on the application is requested by either party and granted, the order shall not be continued except upon agreement of the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-15(b) (2010).</p>	<p>Fourteen (14) Days.</p>
<p>Delaware</p>	<p>(b) Relief granted under this section shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed 1 year, except that relief granted under paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section may be entered for a fixed period of time not to exceed 2 years, unless a longer period of time is ordered pursuant to subsection (c) or (f) of this section.</p> <p>(c) An order issued under this part may be extended, for up to 6 months, or terms of the order modified, upon motion of either party. Hearings on such motions shall be scheduled within 30 days after proof of service on the respondent is filed. Such motions may be heard on an emergency basis if filed in accordance with § 1043 of this title. Orders may be extended only after the Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that domestic violence has occurred since the entry of the order, a violation of the order has occurred, if the respondent consents to the extension of the order or for good cause shown.</p> <p>(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, upon a finding that aggravating circumstances exist, the Court may grant no contact relief pursuant to paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section for as long as reasonably necessary to prevent further acts of abuse or domestic violence, up to and including the entry of a permanent order of the Court. An order entered pursuant to this subsection may only be modified or amended upon motion of a party for good cause shown. For purposes of this subsection, aggravating circumstances shall mean physical injury or serious physical injury to the petitioner caused by the respondent; the use of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument against</p>	<p>One (1) year – Two Years. Can be permanent for aggravating circumstances.</p>

	<p>the petitioner by the respondent; a history of repeated violations of prior protective orders by the respondent; prior convictions for crimes against the petitioner by the respondent; the exposure of any member of the petitioner's family or household to physical injury or serious physical injury by the respondent; or any other acts of abuse which the Court believes constitute an immediate and ongoing danger to the petitioner or any member of the petitioner's family or household. Del. Code Ann. tit. 10, § 1045(b) – (c), (f) (2011).</p> <p>In any case in which an ex parte protective order has been issued, a full hearing shall be held within 10 days. The Court may extend an ex parte order as needed, but not to exceed 30 days, to effectuate service of the order or where necessary to continue protection. Del. Code Ann. tit. 10, § 1043(d) (2011).</p>	<p>Ten (10) Days.</p>
<p>District of Columbia</p>	<p>Protection Order A protection order issued pursuant to this section shall be effective for such period up to one year as the judicial officer may specify, but the judicial officer may, upon motion of any party to the original proceeding, extend, rescind, or modify the order for good cause shown. D.C. Code §16-1005(d) (2011).</p> <p>An initial temporary protection order shall not exceed 14 days except, if the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, a day observed as a holiday by the court, or a day on which weather or other conditions cause the court to be closed, the temporary protection order shall extend until the end of the next day on which the court is open. The court may extend a temporary protection order in additional 14 day increments, or longer increments with the consent of the parties, as necessary until a hearing on the petition is completed. D.C. Code § 16-1004 (b)(2) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Fourteen (14) Days.</p>
<p>Florida</p>	<p>Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence The terms of an injunction restraining the respondent under subparagraph (a)1. or ordering other relief for the protection of the victim under subparagraph (a)7 shall remain in effect until modified or dissolved. Fla. Stat. §741.30(6)(c) (2011).</p> <p>Any ex parte temporary injunction shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed 15 days. Fla. Stat. § 741.30(5)(c) (2011).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Fifteen (15) Days.</p>

	<p>Injunction for Protection Against Repeat Violence/ Dating Violence/Sexual Assault The terms of the injunction shall remain in full force and effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the injunction. Fla. Stat. §784.046(7)(c).</p> <p>Any such ex parte temporary injunction shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed 15 days. However, an ex parte temporary injunction granted under subparagraph (2)(c)2. is effective for 15 days following the date the respondent is released from incarceration. A full hearing, as provided by this section, shall be set for a date no later than the date when the temporary injunction ceases to be effective. The court may grant a continuance of the ex parte injunction and the full hearing before or during a hearing, for good cause shown by any party. Fla. Stat. § 784.046(6)(c).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Fifteen (15) Days.</p>
Georgia	<p>Protection Order Any order granted under this Code section shall remain in effect for up to one year; provided, however, that upon the motion of a petitioner and notice to the respondent and after a hearing, the court in its discretion may convert a temporary order granted under this Code section to an order effective for not more than three years or to a permanent order. O.C.G.A. §19-13-4(c) (2011).</p> <p>Within ten days of the filing of the petition under this article or as soon as practical thereafter, but in no case later than 30 days after the filing of the petition, a hearing shall be held at which the petitioner must prove the allegations of the petition by a preponderance of the evidence as in other civil cases. In the event a hearing cannot be scheduled within the county where the case is pending within the 30 day period the same shall be scheduled and heard within any other county of that circuit. If a hearing is not held within 30 days, the petition shall stand dismissed unless the parties otherwise agree. O.C.G.A. § 19-13-3(c) (2011).</p> <p>Protection Order - Stalking The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 19-13-3, subsections (b), (c), and (d) of Code Section 19-13-4, and Code Section</p>	<p>One (1) year. Can be extended three (3) years to permanent.</p> <p>Thirty (30) Days.</p> <p>One (1) Year. Can be extended to three (3) years to permanent.</p>

	<p>19-13-5, relating to family violence petitions, shall apply to petitions filed pursuant to this (stalking protection order) Code section, except that the clerk of court may provide forms for petitions and pleadings to persons alleging conduct constituting stalking and to any other person designated by the superior court pursuant to this Code section as authorized to advise persons alleging conduct constituting stalking on filling out and filing such petitions and pleadings. O.C.G.A. §16-5-94(e) (2011).</p> <p>The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of Code Section 19-13-3, subsections (b), (c), and (d) of Code Section 19-13-4, and Code Section 19-13-5, relating to family violence petitions, shall apply to petitions filed pursuant to this (stalking protection order) Code section, except that the clerk of court may provide forms for petitions and pleadings to persons alleging conduct constituting stalking and to any other person designated by the superior court pursuant to this Code section as authorized to advise persons alleging conduct constituting stalking on filling out and filing such petitions and pleadings. O.C.G.A. §16-5-94(e)(2011).</p>	<p>Thirty (30) Days.</p>
Guam	<p>Protection Order Any protection order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent petition filed by either party. 7 GCA §40105(b) (2011).</p> <p>Any order issued under subsection (a) (emergency relief) shall expire as of the resumption of business of the court at the beginning of the week or within seventy-two (72) hours, which ever occurs sooner, at which time the plaintiff may seek a temporary order from the court. 7 GCA § 40107 (b).</p> <p>(a) Within 10 days of the filing of a petition under this Chapter, a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence.</p> <p>(c) If a hearing under subsection (a) is continued, the court may make or extend such temporary orders under subsection (b) as it deems necessary. 7 GCA § 40104 (a), (c) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Seventy-two (72) Hours.</p> <p>Ten (10) Days.</p>
Hawaii	<p>Protection Order</p>	

	<p>If, after hearing all relevant evidence, the court finds that the respondent has failed to show cause why the order should not be continued and that a protective order is necessary to prevent domestic abuse or a recurrence of abuse, the court may order that a protective order be issued for a further fixed reasonable period as the court deems appropriate. HRS § 586-5.5(a) (2011).</p> <p>A temporary restraining order granted pursuant to this chapter shall remain in effect at the discretion of the court, for a period not to exceed ninety days from the date the order is granted. HRS. § 586-5(a) (2011).</p> <p>Restraining Order/Injunction from Harassment If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that harassment as defined in paragraph (1) of that definition exists, it may enjoin for no more than three years further harassment of the petitioner, or that harassment as defined in paragraph (2) of that definition exists, it shall enjoin for no more than three years further harassment of the petitioner; provided that this paragraph shall not prohibit the court from issuing other injunctions against the named parties even if the time to which the injunction applies exceeds a total of three years. HRS §604-10.5 (f) (2011).</p> <p>A temporary restraining order that is granted under this section shall remain in effect at the discretion of the court for a period not to exceed ninety days from the date the order is granted. A hearing on the petition to enjoin harassment shall be held within fifteen days after the temporary restraining order is granted. In the event that service of the temporary restraining order has not been effected before the date of the hearing on the petition to enjoin, the court may set a new date for the hearing; provided that the new date shall not exceed ninety days from the date the temporary restraining order was granted. HRS § 604-10.5 (f) (2011).</p>	<p>A period as the court deems appropriate.</p> <p>Ninety (90) Days.</p> <p>Three (3) Years.</p> <p>Ninety (90) Days.</p>
Idaho	<p>Any relief granted by the protection order, other than a judgment for costs, shall be for a fixed period not to exceed one (1) year; provided, that an order obtained pursuant to this chapter may, upon motion and upon good cause shown, continue for an appropriate time period as directed by the court or be made permanent if the requirements of this chapter are met, provided the order may be terminated or modified by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion</p>	<p>One (1) Year. Upon motion can be permanent.</p>

	<p>of a party and after a hearing on the motion. Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6306(5) (2011).</p> <p>An ex parte temporary protection order shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed fourteen (14) days, but may be reissued. Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6308(5) (2011).</p>	<p>Fourteen (14) Days.</p>
Illinois	<p>Plenary Order of Protection Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a plenary order of protection shall be valid for a fixed period of time not to exceed 2 years. 725 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/112A-20(a)-(b) (2011). An extension of a plenary order of protection may be granted, upon good cause shown, to remain in effect until the order of protection is vacated or modified. 725 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/112A-20(e) (2011).</p> <p>Emergency orders issued under Section 112A-17 shall be effective for not less than 14 nor more than 21 days. 724 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/112A-20 (a) (1)(2011).</p> <p>Interim orders shall be effective for up to 30 days. 725 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/112A-20 (a)(2)(2011).</p> <p>Plenary Civil No Contact Order Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a plenary civil no contact order shall be effective for a fixed period of time, not to exceed 2 years. A plenary civil no contact order entered in conjunction with a criminal prosecution shall remain in effect as follows: if entered during pre-trial release, until disposition, withdrawal, or dismissal of the underlying charge; if however, the case is continued as an independent cause of action, the order's duration may be for a fixed period of time not to exceed 2 years; (2) if in effect in conjunction with a bond forfeiture warrant, until final disposition or an additional period of time not exceeding 2 years; no civil no contact order, however, shall be terminated by a dismissal that is accompanied by the issuance of a bond forfeiture warrant;(3) until expiration of any supervision, conditional discharge, probation, periodic imprisonment, parole, or mandatory supervised release and for an additional period of time thereafter not exceeding 2 years; or (4) until the date set by the court for expiration of any sentence</p>	<p>Two (2) Years. May be extended to permanent.</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) Days</p> <p>Thirty (30) Days.</p> <p>Two (2) Years. May be extended for unspecified time – if CNC is in conjunction with criminal prosecution order will vary</p>

	<p>of imprisonment and subsequent parole or mandatory supervised release and for an additional period of time thereafter not exceeding 2 years.</p> <p>Any emergency or plenary order may be extended one or more times, as required, provided that the requirements of Section 214 or 215, as appropriate, are satisfied. An extension of a plenary civil no contact order may be granted, upon good cause shown, to remain in effect until the civil no contact order is vacated or modified. 740 ILCS 22/216 (2011).</p>	
Indiana	<p>An order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and a hearing, or a modification of an order for protection issued ex parte or upon notice and a hearing, is effective for two (2) years after the date of issuance unless another date is ordered by the court. Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-9(e) (2011).</p> <p>A protective order issued before July 1, 2002, (before the repeal of various code sections) remains in effect for the period indicated in the court order granting the protective order. Burns Ind. Code Ann § 34-26-5-20 (2011).</p> <p>(1) an order for protection ex parte; or (2) a modification of an order for protection ex parte; and provides relief under section 9(b) [IC 34-26-5-9(b)] of this chapter, upon a request by either party not more than thirty (30) days after service of the order or modification, the court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition. The hearing must be held not more than thirty (30) days after the request for a hearing is filed unless continued by the court for good cause shown. The court shall notify both parties by first class mail of the date and time of the hearing. Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-10 (a) (2011).</p>	<p>Two (2) Years</p> <p>Thirty (30) Days.</p>
Iowa	<p>An order for counseling, a protection order, or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. The court may amend or extend its order or a consent agreement at any time upon a petition filed by either party and after notice and hearing. Iowa Code § 236.5(2) (2010).</p> <p>An emergency order issued under subsection 1 shall expire seventy-two hours after issuance. When the order expires, the plaintiff may seek a temporary order. Iowa Code § 236.6(2) (2010).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Seventy-two (72) Hours.</p>

	<p>Not less than five and not more than fifteen days after commencing a proceeding and upon notice to the other party, a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of domestic abuse by a preponderance of the evidence. The court may enter any temporary order it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from domestic abuse prior to the hearing. If a hearing is continued, the court may make or extend any temporary order under subsection 2 that it deems necessary. Iowa Code § 236.4(1) –(3)(2010).</p>	Fifteen (15) Days.
Kansas	<p>Protection Order A protective order or approved consent agreement shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, except that, on motion of the plaintiff, such period may be extended for one additional year. K.S.A. § 60-3107(e) (2011). An emergency order issued under subsection (a) shall expire on 5:00 p.m. on the first day when the court resumes court business. At that time, the plaintiff may seek a temporary order from the court. K.S.A. § 60-3105(b) (2011).</p> <p>Within 21 days of the filing of a petition under this act a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence and the defendant shall have an opportunity to present evidence on the defendant's behalf. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set the case for hearing. At the hearing, the court shall advise the parties of the right to be represented by counsel. If a hearing under subsection (a) is continued, the court may make or extend such temporary orders under subsection (b) as it deems necessary. K.S.A. § 60-3106 (a), (c) (2011).</p> <p>Protection from Stalking A protection from stalking order shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, except that, on motion of the plaintiff, such period may be extended for one additional year. K.S.A. § 60-31a06(b) (2011).</p> <p>Within 21 days of the filing of a petition under the protection from stalking act a hearing shall be held at which the plaintiff must prove the allegation of stalking by a preponderance of the evidence and the defendant shall</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>First day court resumes business.</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) Days.</p> <p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) Days.</p>

	<p>have an opportunity to present evidence on the defendant's behalf. Upon the filing of the petition, the court shall set the case for hearing. At the hearing, the court shall advise the parties of the right to be represented by counsel. Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-31a05 (a) (2011).</p>	
Kentucky	<p>Any order entered pursuant to this section shall be effective for a period of time, fixed by the court, not to exceed three (3) years and may be reissued upon expiration for an additional period of up to three (3) years. The number of times an order may be reissued shall not be limited. With respect to whether an order should be reissued, any party may present to the court testimony relating to the importance of the fact that acts of domestic violence or abuse have not occurred during the pendency of the order. KRS § 403.750(2) (2011).</p> <p>An emergency protective order shall be effective until the full hearing provided by the court (within 14 days) or until withdrawn by the court. The provisions of this section permitting the continuance of an emergency protective order (for lack of service on the adverse party) shall be limited to six (6) months from the issuance of the initial emergency protective order. If the respondent has not been served within the six (6) month period, the emergency protective order shall be rescinded without prejudice. KRS § 403.740 (4),(6) (2011).</p>	<p>Three (3) Years.</p> <p>Fourteen (14) Days.</p>
Louisiana	<p>Protection Order Any final protective order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period of time, not to exceed eighteen months, and may be extended by the court, after a contradictory hearing, in its discretion. Such protective order or extension thereof shall be subject to a devolutive appeal only. La. R.S. 46:2136(F)(2011).</p> <p>If a temporary restraining order is granted without notice, the matter shall be set within twenty-one days for a rule to show cause why the protective order should not be issued, at which time the petitioner must prove the allegations of abuse by a preponderance of the evidence. The defendant shall be given notice of the temporary restraining order and the hearing on the rule to show cause by service of process as required by law within twenty-four hours of the issuance of the order. La. R.S. 46:2135 (B) If the hearing pursuant to Subsection B or D of this Section is continued, the court shall make or extend such temporary restraining orders as it deems</p>	<p>Eighteen (18) Months.</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) Days.</p>

	<p>necessary. Any continuance of a hearing ordered pursuant to Subsection B or D of this Section shall not exceed fifteen days, unless good cause is shown for further continuance. La. R.S. 46:2135 (E) (2011).</p> <p>Injunction A temporary restraining order shall be endorsed with the date and hour of issuance; shall be filed in the clerk's office and entered of record; shall state why the order was granted without notice and hearing; and shall expire by its terms within such time after entry, not to exceed ten days, as the court prescribes. A restraining order, for good cause shown, and at any time before its expiration, may be extended by the court for one or more periods not exceeding ten days each. The party against whom the order is directed may consent that it be extended for a longer period. The reasons for each extension shall be entered of record. A temporary restraining order issued in conjunction with a rule to show cause for a protective order filed in an action pursuant to the Protection from Family Violence Act, R.S. 46:2121 et seq., and pursuant to the Protection From Dating Violence Act, R.S. 46:2151, shall remain in force until a hearing is held on the rule for the protective order or for thirty days, whichever occurs first. If the initial rule to show cause is heard by a hearing officer, the temporary restraining order shall remain in force for fifteen days after the hearing or until the judge signs the protective order, whichever occurs last. At any time before the expiration of a temporary restraining order issued pursuant to this Paragraph, it may be extended by the court for a period not exceeding thirty days. La. C.C.P. Art. 3604 (2011).</p>	<p>Ten (10) Days.</p>
<p>Maine</p>	<p>Protection Order A protective order or approved consent agreement is for a fixed period not to exceed 2 years. At the expiration of that time, the court may extend an order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it determines necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor child from abuse. The court may continue the order in effect until the hearing under section 4006, subsection 1 on the motion to extend. Upon motion by either party, for sufficient cause, the court may modify the order or agreement from time to time as circumstances require. 19-A M.R.S. § 4007 (2)(2011).</p> <p>A temporary order remains in effect pending a hearing pursuant to subsection 1. 19-A M.R.S. § 4006 (2) (2011).</p>	<p>Two (2) Years</p> <p>Effective pending hearing.</p>

	<p>Protection from Harassment Any protective order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed period not to exceed one year. At the expiration of that time, the court may extend an order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from harassment. Upon motion by either party, for sufficient cause, the court may modify the order or agreement from time to time as circumstances require. 5 M.R.S. § 4655 (2) (2011).</p> <p>Emergency order remains in effect pending a hearing pursuant to subsection 1. 19-A M.R.S. § 4006 (3)(c) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Effective pending hearing.</p>
<p>Maryland</p>	<p>A final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 1 year, except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection:</p> <p>(2) All relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 2 years if: (i) the court issues a final protective order under this section against a respondent on behalf of a person eligible for relief for an act of abuse committed within 1 year after the date that a prior final protective order issued against the same respondent on behalf of the same person eligible for relief expires; and (ii) the prior final protective order was issued for a period of at least 6 months.</p> <p>(3) A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions included in the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final protective order. Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 4-506 (j) (2011).</p> <p>(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the court shall issue a new final protective order against an individual if:(i) the individual was previously a respondent under this subtitle against whom a final protective order was issued;</p> <p>(ii) the individual was convicted and served a term of imprisonment of at least 5 years under § 2-205, § 2-206, § 3-202, § 3-303, § 3-304, § 3-305, § 3-306, § 3-309, § 3-310, § 3-311, or § 3-312 of the Criminal Law Article for the act of abuse that led to the issuance of the final protective order; and (iii) the victim of the abuse who was the person eligible for relief in</p>	<p>One (1) Year. Can be made permanent under certain circumstances.</p>

	<p>the original final protective order requests the issuance of a new final protective order.</p> <p>(2) In a final protective order issued under this subsection, the court may grant only the relief that was granted in the original protective order under subsection (d)(1) or (2) of this section. (3) Unless terminated at the request of the victim, a final protective order issued under this subsection shall be permanent. Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 4-506(k) (2011).</p> <p>If, during the term of a protective order, a judge finds by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent named in the protective order has committed a subsequent act of abuse against a person eligible for relief named in the protective order, the judge may extend the term of the protective order for a period not to exceed 2 years from the date the extension is granted. Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 4-507 (a)(3)(i) (2011).</p> <p>An interim protective order shall be effective until the earlier of: (1) the temporary protective order hearing under §4-505 of this subtitle; or (2) the end of the second business day the Office of the Clerk of the District Court is open following the issuance of an interim protective order. Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 4-504.1 (h)(1)-(2) (2011).</p> <p>The temporary protective order shall be effective for not more than 7 days after service of the order. The judge may extend the temporary protective order as needed, but not to exceed 6 months, to effectuate service of the order where necessary to provide protection or for other good cause. Md. FAMILY LAW Code Ann. § 4-505(c)(1)-(2) (2011).</p> <p>Peace Order All relief granted in a final peace order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 6 months. Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann. § 3-1505 (f) (2011).</p> <p>The temporary peace order shall be effective for not more than 7 days after service of the order. The judge may extend the temporary peace order as needed, but not to exceed 30 days, to effectuate service of the order where necessary to provide protection or for other good cause.</p>	<p>Two (2) Business Days.</p> <p>Seven (7) Days After Service.</p> <p>Six (6) months.</p> <p>Seven (7) Days After Service.</p>
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	Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann. § 3-1504 (c) (1)-(2) (2011).	
Massachusetts	<p>Protection Order Any relief granted to by the court shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one (1) year. Prior to expiration the court may determine whether to extend the order for any reasonable time to protect the plaintiff or to enter a permanent order. ALM GL Ch. 209A, §3(i) (2011).</p> <p>The court may enter such temporary relief orders without notice as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse and shall immediately thereafter notify the defendant that the temporary orders have been issued. The court shall give the defendant an opportunity to be heard on the question of continuing the temporary order and of granting other relief as requested by the plaintiff no later than ten court business days after such orders are entered. If the defendant does not appear at such subsequent hearing, the temporary orders shall continue in effect without further order of the court. ALM GL Ch. 209A, §4 (2010).</p> <p>Harassment Preventive Order If the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of harassment, the court may enter such temporary relief orders without notice as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from harassment and shall immediately thereafter notify the defendant that the temporary orders have been issued. The court shall give the defendant an opportunity to be heard on the question of continuing the temporary order and of granting other relief as requested by the plaintiff not later than 10 court business days after such orders are entered. If the defendant does not appear at such subsequent hearing, the temporary orders shall continue in effect without further order of the court. ALM GL ch. 258E, § 5 (2011)</p>	<p>One (1) Year. Can be made permanent upon motion.</p> <p>Ten (10) Days or until further order of the Court.</p> <p>Until further order of the Court.</p>
Michigan	<p>Personal Protection Order A personal protection order (restraining or enjoining spouse, former spouse, individual with child in common, individual in dating relationship, or person residing or having resided in same household) issued under subsection (12) is valid for not less than 182 days. MCLS §600.2950(13) (2011).</p>	No less than 182 days.

	<p>Stalking personal protection order A personal protection order (restraining or enjoining individual from engaging in conduct prohibited under MCL 750.411h, 750.411i, or 750.411s) issued under subsection (12) is valid for not less than 182 days. MCL § 600.2950a(13) (2011).</p>	No less than 182 days.
Minnesota	<p>Order for Protection Any relief granted by the order for protection shall be for a period not to exceed two years, except when the court determines a longer period is appropriate. Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 6(b) (2010).</p> <p>Relief granted by the order for protection may be for a period of up to 50 years, if the court finds:(1) the respondent has violated a prior or existing order for protection on two or more occasions; or (2) the petitioner has had two or more orders for protection in effect against the same respondent. Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 6a(b) (2010).</p> <p>Ex parte orders are for a fixed period set by the court as provided in subdivision (6)(b) or until modified or vacated by the court pursuant to a hearing. If personal service is not made or the affidavit is not filed within 14 days of issuance of the ex parte order, the order expires. Unless personal service is completed, if service by published notice is not completed within 28 days of issuance of the ex parte order, the order expires. Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 7(c)-(d) (2010).</p> <p>Harassment Restraining Order A restraining order may be issued only against the respondent named in the petition; except that if the respondent is an organization, the order may be issued against and apply to all of the members of the organization. If the court finds that the petitioner has had two or more previous restraining orders in effect against the same respondent or the respondent has violated a prior or existing restraining order on two or more occasions, relief granted by the restraining order may be for a period of up to 50 years. In all other cases, relief granted by the restraining order must be for a fixed period of not more than two years. When a referee presides at the hearing on the petition, the restraining order becomes effective upon the referee's signature. Minn. Stat. § 609.748, subd. 5(a)(3) (2010).</p>	<p>Two (2) Years. Can be extended up to 50 years under limited circumstances.</p> <p>For a fixed period set by the Court.</p> <p>Two (2) Years. Can be extended 50 years under certain circumstances.</p>

	<p>The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on the issuance of a restraining order under subdivision 5. The court shall hold the hearing on the issuance of a restraining order if the petitioner requests a hearing. The hearing may be continued by the court upon a showing that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order despite the exercise of due diligence or if service is made by published notice under subdivision 3 and the petitioner files the affidavit required under that subdivision. Minn. Stat. § 609.748, Subd.4(b) (2010).</p>	<p>Effective until a hearing on the restraining order.</p>
<p>Mississippi</p>	<p>The duration of any temporary domestic abuse protection order issued by a municipal or justice court shall not exceed thirty (30) days. Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-15(1)(b) (2009). Temporary provisions addressing temporary custody, visitation or support of minor children contained in a final domestic abuse protection order issued by a chancery or county court shall be effective for one hundred eighty (180) days. Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-15(2)(c) (2009).</p> <p>Except as provided, a final domestic abuse protection order issued by a chancery or county court under the provisions of this chapter shall be effective for such time period as the court deems appropriate. The expiration date of the order shall be clearly stated in the order. Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-15(2)(b) (2009).</p> <p>An emergency domestic abuse protection order shall be effective for ten (10) days, or until a hearing may be held, whichever occurs first. If a hearing under this subsection (1) is continued, the court may grant or extend the emergency order as it deems necessary for the protection of the abused person. A continuance under this subsection (1)(c) shall be valid for no longer than twenty (20) days. Miss. Code Ann. § 93-21-13(1)(c) (2009).</p>	<p>Thirty (30) Days.</p> <p>A period as the court deems appropriate.</p> <p>Ten (10) Days.</p>
<p>Missouri</p>	<p>At least one hundred eighty (180) days up to one (1) year. May be renewed for at least one hundred eighty (180) days not to exceed one (1) year. Adult protection orders under Mo. Rev. Stat. §455.040(1) (2010); child protection orders under Mo. Rev. Stat. §455.516(1) (2010). An ex parte order of protection entered by the court shall take effect when entered and shall remain in effect until there is valid service of process</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p>

	and a hearing is held on the motion. Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.035 (2010).	
Montana	<p>(1) The court may, on the basis of the respondent's history of violence, the severity of the offense at issue, and the evidence presented at the hearing, determine that to avoid further injury or harm, the petitioner needs permanent protection. The court may order that the order of protection remain in effect permanently.</p> <p>(2) In a dissolution proceeding, the district court may, upon request, issue either an order of protection for an appropriate period of time or a permanent order of protection.</p> <p>(4) An order of protection may include restraining the respondent from any other named family member who is a minor. If this restriction is included, the respondent must be restrained from having contact with the minor for an appropriate time period as directed by the court or permanently if the court finds that the minor was a victim of abuse, a witness to abuse, or endangered by the environment of abuse.</p> <p>(5) An order of protection issued under this section may continue for an appropriate time period as directed by the court or be made permanent under subsection (1), (2), or (4). The order may be terminated upon the petitioner's request that the order be dismissed. Mont. Code Anno., § 40-15-204 (2010).</p> <p>A temporary order of protection may be issued by the court for up to 20 days. Mont. Code Ann. §40-15-201(4) (2010).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Twenty (20) Days</p>
Nebraska	<p>Effective for one (1) year. Neb. Rev. Stat. §42-924(3) (2011).</p> <p>An order issued ex parte it shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year. Neb. Rev. Stat. §42-925(4) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>One (1) Year.</p>
Nevada	<p>A temporary order expires within such time, not to exceed 30 days, as the court fixes. If an application for an extended order is filed within the period of a temporary order or at the same time that an application for a temporary order is filed, the temporary order remains in effect until the hearing on the extended order is held.</p> <p>An extended order expires within such time, not to exceed 1 year, as the court fixes. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 33.080(1)-(3) (2011).</p>	<p>Thirty (30) Days.</p> <p>One (1) Year.</p>
New Hampshire	Any order under this section shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, but may be extended by order of the court upon a motion by the plaintiff, showing good cause, with notice to the defendant,	One (1) Year.

	<p>for one year after the expiration of the first order and thereafter each extension may be for up to 5 years, upon the request of the plaintiff and at the discretion of the court. RSA 173-B:5(VI) (2011).</p> <p>I. Upon a showing of an immediate and present danger of abuse, the court may enter temporary orders to protect the plaintiff with or without actual notice to defendant. The court may issue such temporary orders by telephone or facsimile. Such telephonically issued orders shall be made by a district or superior court judge to a law enforcement officer, shall be valid in any jurisdiction in the state, and shall be effective until the close of the next regular court business day. Such orders shall be returnable to the district court where the plaintiff resides or to which the plaintiff has fled, unless otherwise ordered by the issuing justice. If non-telephonic temporary orders are made ex parte, the party against whom such relief is issued may file a written request with the clerk of the court and request a hearing on such orders. Such hearing shall be held no less than 3 business days and no more than 5 business days after the request is received by the clerk. RSA 173-B:4(I) (2011).</p>	<p>Close of the next business day or three to five days after issuance.</p>
New Jersey	<p>Upon good cause shown, any final order may be dissolved or modified upon application to the Family Part of the Chancery Division of the Superior Court, but only if the judge who dissolves or modifies the order is the same judge who entered the order, or has available a complete record of the hearing or hearings on which the order was based. N.J. Stat. § 2C:25-29(d).</p> <p>An order for emergency, ex parte relief shall be granted upon good cause shown and shall remain in effect until a judge of the Family Part issues a further order. N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:25-28(i) (2010).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Until order of the court.</p>
New Mexico	<p>An order of protection granted by the court involving custody or support shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed six months. The order may be extended for good cause upon motion of the protected party for an additional period of time not to exceed six months. Injunctive orders shall continue until modified or rescinded upon motion by either party or until the court approves a subsequent consent agreement entered into by the parties. N.M. Stat. Ann. §40-13-6(C) (2010).</p> <p>Upon the filing of a petition for order of protection, the court shall within</p>	<p>Not to exceed six (6) months.</p> <p>Within 10 Days.</p>

	<p>ten days after the granting of the temporary order of protection, hold a hearing on the question of continuing the order. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-4(A)(3).</p> <p>An emergency order of protection expires seventy-two hours after issuance or at the end of the next judicial day, whichever time is latest. N.M. Stat. Ann. §40-13-3.2(E) (2010).</p>	<p>Seventy-two (72) hours after issuance or the next judicial day.</p>
New York	<p>An order of protection under section eight hundred forty-one of this part shall set forth reasonable conditions of behavior to be observed for a period not in excess of two years by the petitioner or respondent or for a period not in excess of five years upon (i) a finding by the court on the record of the existence of aggravating circumstances as defined in paragraph (vii) of subdivision (a) of section eight hundred twenty-seven of this article; or (ii) a finding by the court on the record that the conduct alleged in the petition is in violation of a valid order of protection. Any finding of aggravating circumstances pursuant to this section shall be stated on the record and upon the order of protection. The court may also, upon motion, extend the order of protection for a reasonable period of time upon a showing of good cause or consent of the parties. N.Y. Fam. Ct. Act. §842 (McKinney 2011).</p>	<p>Two (2) – Five (5) Years.</p>
North Carolina	<p>Domestic Violence – Protective orders entered pursuant to this Chapter shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. The court may renew a protective order for a fixed period of time not to exceed two years. N.C. Gen. Stat. §50B-3(b) (2011).</p> <p>Upon the issuance of an ex parte order under this subsection, a hearing shall be held within 10 days from the date of issuance of the order or within seven days from the date of service of process on the other party, whichever occurs later. N.C. Gen. Stat. §50B-2(c) (2011).</p> <p>Stalking/Sexual Assault – A permanent civil no-contact order shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. N.C. Gen. Stat. §50C-8(b) (2011).</p> <p>A temporary civil no-contact order shall be effective for not more than 10 days as the court fixes, unless within the time so fixed the temporary civil</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Within 10 Days.</p> <p>One (1) year.</p> <p>Not more than ten (10) days.</p>

	no-contact order, for good cause shown, is extended for a like period or a longer period if the respondent consents. The reasons for the extension shall be stated in the temporary order. N.C. Gen. Stat. §50C-8(a) (2011).	
North Dakota	<p>The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent petition by either party. N.D. Cent. Code §14-07.1-02(6) (2011).</p> <p>Unless otherwise terminated by the court, an ex parte temporary protection order remains in effect until an order issued under §14-07.1-02 is served. N.D. Cent. Code § 14-07.1-03(3) (2011).</p> <p>An order for emergency relief expires seventy-two hours after its issuance, unless continued by the court. N.D. Cent. Code §14-07.1-08 (2011).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Until final order is served.</p> <p>Seventy-two (72) hours.</p>
Ohio	Any protection order issued or consent agreement approved under this section shall be valid until a date certain, but not later than five years from the date of its issuance or approval, or not later than the date a respondent who is less than eighteen years of age attains nineteen years of age, unless modified or terminated as provided in division (E)(8) of this section. ORC Ann. §3113.31(3)(a) (2011).	Five (5) Years, or until underage respondent is 19 years old.
Oklahoma	<p>Any protective order issued on or after November 1, 1999, pursuant to subsection C of this section shall be for a fixed period not to exceed a period of three (3) years unless extended, modified, vacated or rescinded upon motion by either party or if the court approves any consent agreement entered into by the plaintiff and defendant. Okla. Stat. tit. 22 §60.4(G)(1) (2011).</p> <p>The emergency ex parte order shall be in effect until after the full hearing is conducted. Provided, if the defendant, after having been served, does not appear at the hearing, the emergency ex parte order shall remain in effect until the defendant is served with the permanent order. Okla. Stat. tit. 22 §60.3(A) (2011).</p>	<p>Three (3) Years</p> <p>Until full hearing is conducted or final order is served.</p>
Oregon	The court's order under subsection (1) of this section is effective for a period of one year or until the order is withdrawn or amended, or until the order is superseded as provided in ORS 107.722, whichever is sooner. Or. Rev. Stat. §107.718(3) (2009).	One (1) Year.
Pennsylvania	A protection order or approved consent agreement shall be for a fixed	Three (3) Years.

	<p>period of time not to exceed three years. The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon subsequent petition filed by either party. 23 Pa. Cons. Stat. §6108(d) (2010).</p> <p>The court may enter such a temporary order as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or minor children when it finds they are in immediate and present danger of abuse. The order shall remain in effect until modified or terminated by the court after notice and hearing. 23 Pa.C.S. § 6107(b)(2) (2010).</p> <p>An order issued under subsection (a) shall expire at the end of the next business day the court deems itself available.</p>	<p>Until modified by the Court.</p> <p>The next business day.</p>
Puerto Rico	<p>Every order for protection shall specifically state the orders issued by the court, the remedies prescribed and the term of its effectiveness. 8 L.P.R.A. § 626(c) (2008).</p> <p>Whenever the court issues an ex parte order for protection, it shall do so provisionally, it shall immediately serve the respondent with a copy thereof or in any other manner, and shall give the party an opportunity to object to it. To such effect, it shall docket a hearing to be conducted within twenty (20) days following the [issuance] of said ex parte order, unless the respondent requests a postponement to such effect. 8 L.P.R.A. § 625(c) (2008).</p>	<p>Permanent.</p> <p>Twenty (20) Days.</p>
Rhode Island	<p>Domestic Abuse – Any relief granted by the court shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for any additional time, that it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse. R.I. Gen. Laws § 15-15-3(h)(2) (2011).</p> <p>Every order granted without notice shall expire by its terms within any time after entry, not to exceed twenty-one (21) days, that the court fixes, unless within the time fixed the order, by consent or for good cause shown and after hearing of argument by the parties or counsel, is extended for an additional period. R.I. Gen. Laws § 15-15-4(a)(2) (2011).</p> <p>Domestic Assault –</p>	<p>Three (3) Years.</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) Days.</p>

	<p>Any relief granted by the court shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order upon motion of the plaintiff for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse. R.I. Gen. Laws §8-8.1-3(i) (2011).</p> <p>The court may enter any temporary order without notice that it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff. Every order granted without notice shall expire by its terms within the time after entry, not to exceed twenty-one (21) days, as the court fixes, unless within the time so fixed the order: (i) by consent, or (ii) due to a failure to make service of process upon the defendant despite diligent efforts, or (iii) for good cause shown and after hearing of argument by the parties or counsel, is extended for an additional period. R.I. Gen. Laws §8-8.1-4(a)(2) (2009).</p>	<p>Three (3) Years.</p> <p>Twenty-one (21) Days.</p>
South Carolina	<p>Domestic Abuse – An order of protection issued under Section 20-4-60 must be for a fixed time not less than six months nor more than one year unless the parties have reconciled as evidenced by an order of dismissal and may be extended or terminated by order of the court upon motion by either party showing good cause with notice to the other party.. S.C. Code Ann. §20-4-70(A) (2010).</p> <p>Harassment/Stalking A restraining order must be for a fixed period not to exceed one year but may be extended by court order on a motion by the plaintiff, showing good cause, with notice to the defendant. S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-1780(B) (2010).</p> <p>A temporary restraining order remains in effect until the hearing on the Rule to Show Cause why the order should not be extended for the full one-year period. S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-1780(A) (2010).</p>	<p>Six (6) Months – One (1) Year.</p> <p>No more than one (1) year.</p> <p>Until the hearing date.</p>
South Dakota	<p>Domestic Abuse – Any relief granted by the order for protection shall be for a fixed period and may not exceed five years. S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-5 (2011).</p> <p>An ex parte temporary protection order is effective for a period of thirty days except as provided in § 25-10-7.1 unless for good cause the court</p>	<p>Five (5) Years.</p> <p>Thirty (30) Days.</p>

	<p>grants a continuance. No continuance may exceed thirty days. If a continuance is granted, the court by order shall extend the ex parte temporary protection order until the rescheduled hearing date. S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-7 (2011).</p> <p>Stalking and Sexual Assault – Any relief granted by the order for protection shall be for a fixed period and may not exceed five years. S.D. Codified Laws § 22-19A-11 (2011).</p> <p>An ex parte temporary protection order is effective for a period of thirty days unless for good cause the court grants a continuance. No continuance may exceed thirty days. If a continuance is granted, the court by order shall extend the ex parte temporary protection order until the rescheduled hearing date. S.D. Codified Laws § 22-19A-12 (2011).</p>	<p>Five (5) Years.</p> <p>Thirty (30) Days.</p>
Tennessee	<p>Domestic Abuse All orders of protection shall be effective for a fixed period of time, not to exceed one (1) year. Tenn. Code Ann. §36-3-608(a) (2011).</p> <p>Within Divorce – If an order of protection is ordered by a court and either the petitioner or respondent files a complaint for divorce, the order of protection shall remain in effect until the court in which the divorce action lies modifies or dissolves the order. Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-603(a) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Until modified by the court.</p>
Texas	<p>Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c), an order under this subtitle is effective:</p> <p>(1) for the period stated in the order, not to exceed two years; or (2) if a period is not stated in the order, until the second anniversary of the date the order was issued.</p> <p>Tex. Fam. Code Ann. §85.025(a) (2010).</p> <p>[. . .] If the court finds there is a continuing need for the protective order, the protective order remains in effect until the date the order expires under this section. Tex. Fam. Code Ann. §85.025(b) (2010).</p>	<p>Two (2) Years.</p> <p>Can be extended as determined by the Court.</p>
Utah	<p>Domestic Abuse – The protective order shall include a designation of a specific date, determined by the court, when the civil portion of the protective order either expires or is scheduled for review by the court, which date may not</p>	<p>One hundred fifty (150) Days unless indicated by the court.</p>

	<p>exceed 150 days after the date the order is issued, unless the court indicates on the record the reason for setting a date beyond 150 days. Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-106(6)(a) (2011).</p> <p>Criminal Provisions – A court may modify or vacate an order of protection or any provisions in the order after notice and hearing, except that the criminal provisions of a protective order may not be vacated within two years of issuance unless [certain requirements are met]. Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-106(10) (2011).</p> <p>If at that hearing the court does not issue a protective order, the ex parte protective order shall expire, unless it is otherwise extended by the court. Extensions beyond the 20-day period may not be granted unless [certain requirements are met]. Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-107(1)(b).</p> <p>Under no circumstances may an ex parte order be extended beyond 180 days from the date of initial issuance. Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-107(1)(c).</p> <p>Stalking – If the respondent fails to request a hearing within ten days of service, the ex parte civil stalking injunction is automatically modified to a civil stalking injunction without further notice to the respondent and that the civil stalking injunction expires three years after service of the ex parte civil stalking injunction. Utah Code Ann. § 77-3a-101(6)(b)(iii) (2011).</p> <p>The ex parte civil stalking injunction shall be served on the respondent within 90 days from the date it is signed. An ex parte civil stalking injunction is effective upon service. If no hearing is requested in writing by the respondent within ten days of service of the ex parte civil stalking injunction, the ex parte civil stalking injunction automatically becomes a civil stalking injunction without further notice to the respondent and expires three years from the date of service of the ex parte civil stalking injunction. Utah Code Ann. § 77-3a-101(9) (2011).</p>	<p>No less than 2 years or more.</p> <p>Twenty (20) Days, extension not to exceed 180 days.</p> <p>One hundred eighty (180) Days.</p> <p>Three (3) years.</p> <p>Ten (10) Days.</p>
Vermont	<p>Domestic Abuse Relief shall be granted for a fixed period, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff, the children,</p>	<p>A Period as the Court deems appropriate.</p>

	<p>or both, from abuse. 15 V.S.A. §1103(e) (2011). This opportunity to contest shall be scheduled as soon as reasonably possible, which in no event shall be more than 10 days from the date of issuance of the order. 15 V.S.A. §1104(b) (2011).</p> <p>Stalking and Sexual Assault – Relief shall be granted for a fixed period, at the expiration of which time the court may extend any order, upon motion of the plaintiff, for such additional time as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff or the plaintiff's children, or both. 12 V.S.A. § 5133(e) (2011).</p> <p>This opportunity to contest shall be scheduled as soon as reasonably possible, which in no event shall be more than 10 days from the date of issuance of the order. 12 V.S.A. § 5134(b) (2011).</p>	<p>Ten (10) days from issuance.</p> <p>A Period as the Court deems appropriate.</p> <p>Ten (10) days from issuance.</p>
Virginia	<p>The protective order may be issued for a specified period of time up to a maximum of two years. Va. Code Ann. §16.1-279.1(B) (2011).</p> <p>The hearing shall be held within 15 days of the issuance of the preliminary order. If the respondent fails to appear at this hearing because the respondent was not personally served, or if personally served was incarcerated and not transported to the hearing, the court may extend the protective order for a period not to exceed six months. Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-253.1 (B) (2011).</p> <p>An emergency protective order issued pursuant to this section shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the third day following issuance. If the expiration occurs on a day that the court is not in session, the emergency protective order shall be extended until 11:59 p.m. on the next day that the juvenile and domestic relations district court is in session. Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-253.4 (C) (2011).</p>	<p>Two (2) Years.</p> <p>Fifteen (15) Days.</p> <p>Third (3) day following issuance.</p>
Virgin Islands	<p>Any Order issued under this section shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed twenty-four months, except that such Order may be extended, renewed, or modified by Order of the Court upon good cause shown. V.I. Code Ann. tit.16 §97(d) (2011).</p> <p>A Temporary Restraining Order shall remain in effect until further action by the Court, but not for more than ten days after it has been issued. V.I.</p>	<p>Not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.</p>

	Code Ann. tit.16 §98(d) (2011).	Not to exceed ten (10) days.
Washington	<p>If a protection order restrains the respondent from contacting the respondent's minor children the restraint shall be for a fixed period not to exceed one year. This limitation is not applicable to orders for protection issued under chapter 26.09, 26.10, or 26.26 RCW. With regard to other relief, if the petitioner has petitioned for relief on his or her own behalf or on behalf of the petitioner's family or household members or minor children, and the court finds that the respondent is likely to resume acts of domestic violence against the petitioner or the petitioner's family or household members or minor children when the order expires, the court may either grant relief for a fixed period or enter a permanent order of protection. Wash. Rev. Code § 26.50.060(2) (2011).</p> <p>An ex parte temporary order for protection shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed fourteen days or twenty-four days if the court has permitted service by publication under RCW 26.50.085 or by mail under RCW 26.50.123. Wash. Rev. Code § 26.50.070(4) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year or Permanent.</p> <p>Not to exceed fourteen (14) days or twenty-four (24) days for notice by publication.</p>
West Virginia	<p>Domestic Violence</p> <p>(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), section four hundred one of this article, a protective order, entered by the family court pursuant to this article, is effective for either ninety days or one hundred eighty days, in the discretion of the court. Upon receipt of a written request for renewal from the petitioner prior to the expiration of the original order, the family court shall extend its order for an additional ninety-day period.</p> <p>(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the court may enter a protective order for a period of one year if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence, after a hearing that . . . aggravating factors are present.</p> <p>(c) The court may extend a protective order entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for whatever period the court considers necessary to protect the physical safety of the petitioner.</p> <p>W. Va. Code § 48-27-505 (2011).</p> <p>An emergency protective order is effective until modified by order of the family court upon hearing as provided in subsection (d) of this section. The order is in full force and effect in every county in this State. W. Va.</p>	<p>Ninety (90) or One hundred eighty (180) Days.</p> <p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>Permanent upon motion.</p> <p>Until modified by the Court.</p>

	Code § 48-27-403(b) (2011).	
Wisconsin	<p>Domestic Violence The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on issuance of an injunction under sub. (4) The temporary restraining order is not voided if the respondent is admitted into a dwelling that the order directs him or her to avoid. A judge or circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing on issuance of an injunction within 14 days after the temporary restraining order is issued, unless the time is extended upon the written consent of the parties or extended once for 14 days upon a finding that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order although the petitioner has exercised due diligence. Wis. Stat. § 813.12(3)(c) (2011).</p> <p>An injunction under this subsection is effective according to its terms, for the period of time that the petitioner requests, but not more than 4 years. An injunction granted under this subsection is not voided if the petitioner allows or initiates contact with the respondent or by the admittance of the respondent into a dwelling that the injunction directs him or her to avoid. Wis. Stat. § 813.12(4)(1) (2011).</p> <p>Harassment – for stalking, sexual assault The temporary restraining order is in effect until a hearing is held on issuance of an injunction under sub. (4) A judge or circuit court commissioner shall hold a hearing on issuance of an injunction within 14 days after the temporary restraining order is issued, unless the time is extended upon the written consent of the parties or extended once for 14 days upon a finding that the respondent has not been served with a copy of the temporary restraining order although the petitioner has exercised due diligence. Wis. Stat. § 813.125(3)(c) (2011).</p> <p>An injunction under this subsection is effective according to its terms, but for not more than 4 years. Wis. Stat. § 813.125(4)(c) (2011).</p>	<p>Max of fourteen (14) days.</p> <p>Four (4) Years.</p> <p>Max fourteen (14) days.</p> <p>Four (4) Years.</p>
Wyoming	(a)(iii) Hold a hearing on the petition within seventy-two (72) hours after the granting of the temporary order of protection or as soon thereafter as the petition may be heard by the court on the question of continuing the order; or	Seventy-two (72) Hours.

	<p>(iv) If an ex parte order is not granted, serve notice to appear upon the parties and hold a hearing on the petition for order of protection within seventy-two (72) hours after the filing of the petition or as soon thereafter as the petition may be heard by the court.</p> <p>An order of protection granted by the court shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed one (1) year. Either party may move to modify, terminate or extend the order. The order may be extended repetitively upon a showing of good cause for additional periods of time not to exceed one (1) year each. The filing of an action for divorce shall not supersede an order of protection granted under this act. Wyo. Stat. § 35-21-106 (2011).</p> <p>Stalking – An order of protection granted by the court under W.S. 7-3-509 shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed one (1) year. Either party may move to modify, terminate or extend the order. The order may be extended repetitively upon a showing of good cause for additional periods of time not to exceed one (1) year each. Wyo. Stat. 7-3-510(b) (2011).</p>	<p>One (1) Year.</p> <p>One (1) Year.</p>