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1	Alaska	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 18.66.990 (West 2021) Definitions Title 18. Health, Safety, Housing, Human Rights, and Public Defender Chapter 66. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Article 6. General Provisions	In this chapter, [...] (5) " household member " includes (A) adults or minors who are current or former spouses; (B) adults or minors who live together or who have lived together; (C) adults or minors who are dating or who have dated; (D) adults or minors who are engaged in or who have engaged in a sexual relationship; (E) adults or minors who are related to each other up to the fourth degree of consanguinity, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, computed under the rules of civil law; (F) adults or minors who are related or formerly related by marriage; (G) persons who have a child of the relationship; and (H) minor children of a person in a relationship that is described in (A)-(G) of this paragraph; [...]	1
2	Arizona	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 36-3001 (West 2021) Definitions Title 36. Public Health & Safety Chapter 30. Domestic Violence Services Article 1. General Provisions	In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires: [...] 4. "Family or household member " means a spouse, a former spouse, a parent, a child or another adult person related by consanguinity or affinity who is residing or has resided or has a child or children in common with the person committing the domestic violence and dependents of such persons[....]	1
3	Florida	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.28 (West 2021) Domestic violence; definitions	As used in ss. 741.28-741.31: [...] (3) "Family or household member " means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit[....]	1
4	Indiana	Ind. Code Ann. § 34-6-2-44.8 (West 2021) "Family or household member" Title 34. Civil Law and Procedure Article 6. Definitions Chapter 2. Definitions	Sec. 44.8. (a) An individual is a "family or household member " of another person if the individual: (1) is a current or former spouse of the other person; (2) is dating or has dated the other person; (3) is engaged or was engaged in a sexual relationship with the other person; (4) is related by blood or adoption to the other person; (5) is or was related by marriage to the other person; (6) has or previously had an established legal relationship: (A) as a guardian of the other person; (B) as a ward of the other person; (C) as a custodian of the other person; (D) as a foster parent of the other person; or (E) in a capacity with respect to the other person similar to those listed in clauses (A) through (D); (7) has a child in common with the other person; or (8) has adopted a child of the other person. (b) An individual is a "family or household member" of both persons to whom subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), or (a)(8) applies if the individual is a minor child of one (1) of the persons.	1
5	Louisiana	La. Stat. Ann. § 46:2132 (West 2021) Definitions Title 46. Public Welfare and Assistance Chapter 28. Protection from Family Violence Act Part II. Domestic Abuse Assistance	[...](4) "Family members" means spouses, former spouses, parents and children, stepparents, stepchildren, foster parents, foster children, other ascendants, and other descendants. "Family member" also means the other parent or foster parent of any child or foster child of the offender. " Household members " means any person presently or formerly living in the same residence with the defendant and who is involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship with the defendant, or any child presently or formerly living in the same residence with the defendant, or any child of the defendant regardless of where the child resides. If a parent or grandparent is being abused by an adult child, adult foster child, or adult grandchild, the provisions of this Part shall apply to any proceeding brought in district court[....]	1

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6	Maine	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 19-A, § 4002 (West 2021) Definitions Title 19-a. Domestic Relations Part 4. Protection from Abuse Chapter 101. Protection from Abuse	[...] 4. Family or household members. “Family or household members ” means spouses or domestic partners or former spouses or former domestic partners, individuals presently or formerly living together as spouses, parents of the same child, adult household members related by consanguinity or affinity or minor children of a household member when the defendant is an adult household member and, for the purposes of Title 15, section 1023, subsection 4, paragraph B-1 and Title 15, section 1094-B, this chapter and Title 17-A, sections 15, 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B, 210-C, 211-A, 1802, 1804 and 2301, subsection 1 only, includes individuals presently or formerly living together and individuals who are or were sexual partners. Holding oneself out to be a spouse is not necessary to constitute “living as spouses.” For purposes of this subsection, “domestic partners” means 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under long-term arrangements that evidence a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other’s welfare.	1
7	Maryland	Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law § 4-501 (West 2021) Definitions Title 4. Spouses Subtitle 5. Domestic Violence Part I. Definitions; General Provisions	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated[...] (d) “Cohabitant” means a person who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent and resided with the respondent in the home for a period of at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition[...] (m) “ Person eligible for relief ” includes: (1) the current or former spouse of the respondent; (2) a cohabitant of the respondent; (3) a person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption; (4) a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition; (5) a vulnerable adult; (6) an individual who has a child in common with the respondent; (7) an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent within 1 year before the filing of the petition; or (8) an individual who alleges that the respondent committed, within 6 months before the filing of the petition, any of the following acts against the individual: (i) rape or a sexual offense under § 3-303, § 3-304, § 3-307, or § 3-308 of the Criminal Law Article; or (ii) attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree.	1
8	Nevada	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.540 (West 2021) “Family or household member” defined Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.018 (West 2021) Acts which constitute domestic violence; exceptions	“Family or household member ” means, with respect to an adverse party, any: 1. Person related by blood, adoption or marriage to the adverse party within the first degree of consanguinity; 2. Person who has a child in common with the adverse party, regardless of whether the person has been married to the adverse party or has lived together with the adverse party at any time; 3. Domestic partner of the adverse party; 4. Person who has a biological or legal parent and child relationship with the adverse party, including, without limitation, a natural parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, stepchild, grandparent or grandchild; 5. Person who is acting or has acted as a guardian to the adverse party; or 6. Person who is currently in a dating or ongoing intimate relationship with the adverse party. 3. As used in this section, “ dating relationship ” means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement. The term does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context.	1

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9	New York	N.Y. Fam. Ct. Act § 812 (McKinney) Procedures for family offense proceedings	<p>1. Jurisdiction. [...] For purposes of this article, “members of the same family or household” shall mean the following:</p> <p>(a) persons related by consanguinity or affinity;</p> <p>(b) persons legally married to one another;</p> <p>(c) persons formerly married to one another regardless of whether they still reside in the same household;</p> <p>(d) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether such persons have been married or have lived together at any time; and</p> <p>(e) persons who are not related by consanguinity or affinity and who are or have been in an intimate relationship regardless of whether such persons have lived together at any time. Factors the court may consider in determining whether a relationship is an “intimate relationship” include but are not limited to: the nature or type of relationship, regardless of whether the relationship is sexual in nature; the frequency of interaction between the persons; and the duration of the relationship. Neither a casual acquaintance nor ordinary fraternization between two individuals in business or social contexts shall be deemed to constitute an “intimate relationship”[....]</p>	1
10	Ohio	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3113.31 (West 2021)	<p>(A) As used in this section:</p> <p>(3) “Family or household member” means any of the following:</p> <p>(a) Any of the following who is residing with or has resided with the respondent:</p> <p>(i) A spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of the respondent;</p> <p>(ii) A parent, a foster parent, or a child of the respondent, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to the respondent;</p> <p>(iii) A parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the respondent, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the respondent.</p> <p>(b) The natural parent of any child of whom the respondent is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent[...]</p> <p>(4) “Person living as a spouse” means a person who is living or has lived with the respondent in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with the respondent, or who otherwise has cohabited with the respondent within five years prior to the date of the alleged occurrence of the act in question[...]</p> <p>(8) “Dating relationship” means a relationship between individuals who have, or have had, a relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. “Dating relationship” does not include a casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization in a business or social context[...]</p> <p>(9) “Person with whom the respondent is or was in a dating relationship” means an adult who, at the time of the conduct in question, is in a dating relationship with the respondent who also is an adult or who, within the twelve months preceding the conduct in question, has had a dating relationship with the respondent who also is an adult[...]</p>	1

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11	Oklahoma	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 60.1 (West 2021) Definitions Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 22, § 60.2 (West 2021) Protective order--Petition--Complaint requirement for certain stalking victims--Fees	As used in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act and in the Domestic Abuse Reporting Act, Sections 40.5 through 40.7 of this title and Section 150.12B of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes: 1. "Dating relationship" means intimate association, primarily characterized by affectionate or sexual involvement. For purposes of this act, a casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context shall not constitute a dating relationship; [...] 3. "Family or household members " means : a. parents, including grandparents, stepparents, adoptive parents and foster parents, b. children, including grandchildren, stepchildren, adopted children and foster children, and c. persons otherwise related by blood or marriage living in the same household; 6. "Intimate partner" means: a. current or former spouses, b. persons who are or were in a dating relationship, c. persons who are the biological parents of the same child, regardless of their marital status or whether they have lived together at any time, and d. persons who currently or formerly lived together in an intimate way, primarily characterized by affectionate or sexual involvement. A sexual relationship may be an indicator that a person is an intimate partner, but is never a necessary condition; [...] G. A victim of rape, forcible sodomy, a sex offense, kidnapping, assault and battery with a deadly weapon or member of the immediate family of a victim of first-degree murder, as such terms are defined in Section 40 of this title, may petition for an emergency temporary order or emergency ex parte order regardless of any relationship or scenario pursuant to the provisions of this section. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall modify the petition forms as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this	1
12	Pennsylvania	23 Pa. Stat. and Cons. Stat. Ann. § 6102 (West 2021) Definitions	(a) General rule.--The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise: [...] "Family or household members ." Spouses or persons who have been spouses, persons living as spouses or who lived as spouses, parents and children, other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, current or former sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood[....]	1
13	South Carolina	S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-20 (West 2021) Definitions	As used in this chapter: [...] (b) " Household member " means: (i) a spouse; (ii) a former spouse; (iii) persons who have a child in common; (iv) a male and female who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited[....]	1
14	Arkansas	Ark. Code Ann. § 9-4-102 (West 2021) Definitions Title 9. Family Law Subtitle 1. General Provisions (Chapters 1 to 7) Chapter 4. Arkansas Domestic Peace Act Subchapter 1. The Arkansas Domestic Peace Act	As used in this chapter: [...] (4) "Family or household members " means: (A) Spouses; (B) Former spouses; (C) Parents; (D) Children; (E) Persons related by blood within the fourth degree of consanguinity; (F) Persons who presently cohabit or in the past cohabited together; and (G) Persons who presently have a child in common;	2
15	California	Cal. Fam. Code § 6209 (West 2021) "Cohabitant" defined Family Code Division 10. Prevention of Domestic Violence Part 1. Short Title and Definitions	" Cohabitant " means a person who regularly resides in the household. " Former cohabitant " means a person who formerly regularly resided in the household.	2

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16	Colorado	<p>Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13-14.5-102 (West 2021) Definitions</p> <p>Title 13. Courts and Court Procedure Civil Protection Orders Article 14.5 . Extreme Risk Protection Orders</p>	<p>As used in this article 14.5, unless the context otherwise clearly requires: [...]</p> <p>(2) “Family or household member” means, with respect to a respondent, any:</p> <p>(a) Person related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the respondent;</p> <p>(b) Person who has a child in common with the respondent, regardless of whether such person has been married to the respondent or has lived together with the respondent at any time;</p> <p>(c) Person who regularly resides or regularly resided with the respondent within the last six months;</p> <p>(d) Domestic partner of the respondent;</p> <p>(e) Person who has a biological or legal parent-child relationship with the respondent, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren;</p> <p>(f) Person who is acting or has acted as the respondent's legal guardian; and</p> <p>(g) A person in any other relationship described in section 18-6-800.3(2) with the respondent.</p>	2
17	Connecticut	<p>Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 46b-38a (West 2021) Family violence prevention and response: Definitions</p>	<p>For the purposes of sections 46b-38a to 46b-38f, inclusive: [...]</p> <p>(2) “Family or household member” means any of the following persons, regardless of the age of such person: (A) Spouses or former spouses; (B) parents or their children; (C) persons related by blood or marriage; (D) persons other than those persons described in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision presently residing together or who have resided together; (E) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time; and (F) persons in, or who have recently been in, a dating relationship.</p>	2
18	Georgia	<p>Ga. Code Ann. § 19-13-10 (West 2021) Definitions</p> <p>Title 19. Domestic Relations Chapter 13. Family Violence Article 1a. Family Violence Intervention</p>	<p>As used in this article, the term: [...]</p> <p>(4) “Family or household members” means past or present spouses, persons who are parents of the same child, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household[....]</p>	2
19	Hawaii	<p>Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 586-1 (West 2021) Definitions</p> <p>Division 3. Property; Family Title 31. Family Chapter 586. Domestic Abuse Protective Orders [Part I]. [General Provisions]</p>	<p>As used in this chapter:[...]</p> <p>“Dating relationship” means a romantic, courtship, or engagement relationship, often but not necessarily characterized by actions of an intimate or sexual nature, but does not include a casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context.</p> <p>“Family or household member”:</p> <p>(1) Means spouses or reciprocal beneficiaries, former spouses or former reciprocal beneficiaries, persons who have a child in common, parents, children, persons related by consanguinity, persons jointly residing or formerly residing in the same dwelling unit, and persons who have or have had a dating relationship; and</p> <p>(2) Does not include those who are, or were, adult roommates or cohabitants only by virtue of an economic or contractual affiliation.</p>	2
20	Idaho	<p>Idaho Code Ann. § 39-6303 (West 2021) Definitions</p> <p>Title 39. Health and Safety Chapter 63. Domestic Violence Crime Prevention</p>	<p>(6) “Household member” means persons who reside or have resided together, and persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time[....]</p>	2
21	Illinois	<p>750 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 60/103 (West 2021) Definitions</p> <p>Chapter 750. Families Act 60. Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 Article I. General Provisions</p>	<p>§ 103. Definitions. For the purposes of this Act, the following terms shall have the following meanings: [...]</p> <p>(6) “Family or household members” include spouses, former spouses, parents, children, stepchildren and other persons related by blood or by present or prior marriage, persons who share or formerly shared a common dwelling, persons who have or allegedly have a child in common, persons who share or allegedly share a blood relationship through a child, persons who have or have had a dating or engagement relationship, persons with disabilities and their personal assistants, and caregivers as defined in Section 12-4.4a of the Criminal Code of 2012. For purposes of this paragraph, neither a casual acquaintanceship nor ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in business or social contexts shall be deemed to constitute a dating relationship. In the case of a high-risk adult with disabilities, “family or household members” includes any person who has the responsibility for a high-risk adult as a result of a family relationship or who has assumed responsibility for all or a portion of the care of a high-risk adult with disabilities voluntarily, or by express or implied</p>	2

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22	Iowa	Iowa Code Ann. § 236.2 (West 2021) Definitions Title VI. Human Services [Chs. 216-255a] Subtitle 6. Children and Families [Chs. 234-255a] Chapter 236. Domestic Abuse	[...] 4. a. "Family or household members " means spouses, persons cohabiting, parents, or other persons related by consanguinity or affinity. b. "Family or household members" does not include children under age eighteen of persons listed in paragraph "a". 5. "Intimate relationship" means a significant romantic involvement that need not include sexual involvement. An intimate relationship does not include casual social relationships or associations in a business or professional capacity [...]	2
23	Kansas	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-3102 (West 2021) Definitions Chapter 60. Procedure, Civil Article 31. Protection from Abuse Act	[...] (b) "Intimate partners or household members " means persons who are or have been in a dating relationship, persons who reside together or who have formerly resided together or persons who have had a child in common. (c) "Dating relationship" means a social relationship of a romantic nature. A dating relationship shall be presumed if a plaintiff verifies, pursuant to K.S.A. 53-601, and amendments thereto, that such relationship exists. In addition to any other factors the court deems relevant, the court shall consider the following factors in making a determination of whether a relationship exists or existed include: (1) Nature of the relationship; (2) length of time the relationship existed; (3) frequency of interaction between the parties; and (4) time since termination of the relationship, if applicable.	2
24	Massachusetts	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 209A, § 1 (West 2021) Definitions Part II. Real and Personal Property and Domestic Relations (Ch. 183-210) Title III. Domestic Relations (Ch. 207-210) Chapter 209A. Abuse Prevention	As used in this chapter the following words shall have the following meanings: [...] "Family or household members ", persons who: (a) are or were married to one another; (b) are or were residing together in the same household ; (c) are or were related by blood or marriage; (d) having a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; or (e) are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship, which shall be adjudged by district, probate or Boston municipal courts consideration of the following factors: (1) the length of time of the relationship; (2) the type of relationship; (3) the frequency of interaction between the parties; and (4) if the relationship has been terminated by either person, the length of time elapsed since the termination of the relationship[...]	2
25	Michigan	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 600.2950 (West 2021) Personal protection orders; current or former spouse, dating relationship, or housemate Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 768.27b (West 2021) Evidence; commission of other acts of domestic violence or sexual assault; admissibility; disclosure 768. Code of Criminal Procedure--Trials) Chapter VIII. Trials	(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (26) and (27), by commencing an independent action to obtain relief under this section, by joining a claim to an action, or by filing a motion in an action in which the petitioner and the individual to be restrained or enjoined are parties, an individual may petition the family division of circuit court to enter a personal protection order to restrain or enjoin a spouse, a former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has had a child in common, an individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating relationship, or an individual residing or having resided in the same household as the petitioner [...] [...] (6) As used in this section: [...] (b) "Family or household member " means any of the following: (i) A spouse or former spouse. (ii) An individual with whom the person resides or has resided. (iii) An individual with whom the person has or has had a child in common. (iv) An individual with whom the person has or has had a dating relationship. As used in this subparagraph, "dating relationship" means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional involvement. This term does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in a business or social context.	2

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26	Minnesota	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 518B.01 (West 2021) Domestic Abuse Act	[...] (b) “Family or household members ” means: (1) spouses and former spouses; (2) parents and children; (3) persons related by blood; (4) persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past; (5) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; (6) a man and woman if the woman is pregnant and the man is alleged to be the father, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; and (7) persons involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship. Issuance of an order for protection on the ground in clause (6) does not affect a determination of paternity under sections 257.51 to 257.74. In determining whether persons are or have been involved in a significant romantic or sexual relationship under clause (7), the court shall consider the length of time of the relationship; type of relationship; frequency of interaction between the parties; and, if the relationship has terminated, length of time since the termination[....]	2
27	Missouri	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 455.010 (West 2021) Definitions Title XXX. Domestic Relations [Chs. 451-455] Chapter 455. Abuse--Adults and Children--Shelters and Protective Orders Adult Abuse	As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall mean: [...] (7) “Family” or “ household member ”, spouses, former spouses, any person related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together or have resided together in the past , any person who is or has been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, and anyone who has a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have resided together at any time;[....]	2
28	Nebraska	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 42-903 (West 2021)	For purposes of the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, unless the context otherwise requires: [...] (3) Family or household members includes spouses or former spouses, children, persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past , persons who have a child in common whether or not they have been married or have lived together at any time, other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, and persons who are presently involved in a dating relationship with each other or who have been involved in a dating relationship with each other. For purposes of this subdivision, dating relationship means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement, but does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context; [...]	2
29	New Hampshire	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 173-B:1 (West 2021) N.H. Rev. Stat. § 173-B:1(I),(X),(XV)	I. “Abuse” means the commission or attempted commission of one or more of the acts described in subparagraphs (a) through (h) by a family or household member or by a current or former sexual or intimate partner, where such conduct is determined to constitute a credible present threat to the petitioner's safety[...] [...] X. “Family or household member ” means : (a) Spouses, ex-spouses, persons cohabiting with each other , and persons who cohabited with each other but who no longer share the same residence. (b) Parents and other persons related by consanguinity or affinity, other than minor children who reside with the defendant[...] XV. “Intimate partners” means persons currently or formerly involved in a romantic relationship, whether or not such relationship was ever sexually consummated[....]	2
30	New Mexico	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13-2 (West 2021) Definitions	As used in the Family Violence Protection Act: A. “continuing personal relationship” means a dating or intimate relationship; B. “co-parents” means persons who have a child in common, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; [...] F. “ household member ” means a spouse, former spouse, parent, present or former stepparent, present or former parent-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, child, stepchild, grandchild, co-parent of a child or a person with whom the petitioner has had a continuing personal relationship. Cohabitation is not necessary to be deemed a household member for purposes of this section; [...]	2

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31	North Dakota	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 14-07.1-01 (West 2021) Definitions	[...] 4. "Family or household member " means a spouse, family member, former spouse, parent, child, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are in a dating relationship, persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past , persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time, and, for the purpose of the issuance of a domestic violence protection order, any other person with a sufficient relationship to the abusing person as determined by the court under section 14-07.1-02.	2
		N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 14-07.1-02 (West 2021) Domestic violence protection order	1. An action for a protection order commenced by a verified application alleging the existence of domestic violence may be brought in district court by any family or household member or by any other person if the court determines that the relationship between that person and the alleged abusing person is sufficient to warrant the issuance of a domestic violence protection order. An action may be brought under this section, regardless of whether a petition for legal separation, annulment, or divorce has been filed.	
32	Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 107.705 (West 2021) Definitions Title 11. Domestic Relations Chapter 107. Marital Dissolution, Annulment and Separation; Mediation and Conciliation Services; Family Abuse Prevention Family Abuse Prevention Act	As used in ORS 107.700 to 107.735: [...] (4) "Family or household members " means any of the following: (a) Spouses. (b) Former spouses. (c) Adult persons related by blood, marriage or adoption. (d) <i>Persons who are cohabiting or who have cohabited with each other.</i> (e) Persons who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship with each other within two years immediately preceding the filing by one of them of a petition under ORS 107.710. (f) Unmarried parents of a child.	2
33	Rhode Island	12 R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 12-29-2 (West 2021) Definitions	[...] (b) "Family or household member " means spouses, former spouses, adult persons related by blood or marriage, adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past three (3) years , and persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together, or persons who are, or have been, in a substantive dating or engagement relationship within the past one year which shall be determined by the court's consideration of the following factors: (1) The length of time of the relationship; (2) The type of the relationship; (3) The frequency of the interaction between the parties.	2

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34	Texas	<p>Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.0021 (West 2021) Dating Violence</p> <p>Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.003 (West 2021) Family</p> <p>Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.005 (West 2021) Household</p> <p>Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 71.006 (West 2021) Member of a Household</p>	<p>[...] (b) For purposes of this title, “dating relationship” means a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of:</p> <p>(1) the length of the relationship;</p> <p>(2) the nature of the relationship; and</p> <p>(3) the frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.</p> <p>(c) A casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization in a business or social context does not constitute a “dating relationship” under Subsection (b).</p> <p>“Family” includes individuals related by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Sections 573.022 and 573.024, Government Code, individuals who are former spouses of each other, individuals who are the parents of the same child, without regard to marriage, and a foster child and foster parent, without regard to whether those individuals reside together.</p> <p>“Household” means a unit composed of persons living together in the same dwelling, without regard to whether they are related to each other.</p> <p>“Member of a household” includes a person who previously lived in a household.</p>	2
35	Utah	<p>Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-602 (West 2021) Abuse or danger of abuse-Cohabitant abuse protective orders</p> <p>Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-102 (West)</p>	<p>(1) Any cohabitant who has been subjected to abuse or domestic violence, or to whom there is a substantial likelihood of abuse or domestic violence, may seek a protective order in accordance with this part, whether or not the cohabitant has left the residence or the premises in an effort to avoid further abuse[....]</p> <p>[...] (5)(a) “Cohabitant” means an emancipated individual under Section 15-2-1 or an individual who is 16 years of age or older who:</p> <p>(i) is or was a spouse of the other party;</p> <p>(ii) is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;</p> <p>(iii) is related by blood or marriage to the other party as the individual's parent, grandparent, sibling, or any other individual related to the individual by consanguinity or affinity to the second degree;</p> <p>(iv) has or had one or more children in common with the other party;</p> <p>(v) is the biological parent of the other party's unborn child;</p> <p>(vi) resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party; or</p> <p>(vii) is or was in a consensual sexual relationship with the other party.</p> <p>(b) “Cohabitant” does not include:</p> <p>(i) the relationship of natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent to a minor; or</p> <p>(ii) the relationship between natural, adoptive, step, or foster siblings who are under 18 years of age.</p>	2
36	Vermont	<p>Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15, § 1101 (West 2021) Definitions Title Fifteen. Domestic Relations Chapter 21. Abuse Prevention Subchapter 1. General Provisions</p>	<p>[...] (2) “Household members” means persons who, for any period of time, are living or have lived together, are sharing or have shared occupancy of a dwelling, are engaged in or have engaged in a sexual relationship, or minors or adults who are dating or who have dated. “Dating” means a social relationship of a romantic nature. Factors that the court may consider when determining whether a dating relationship exists or existed include:</p> <p>(A) the nature of the relationship;</p> <p>(B) the length of time the relationship has existed;</p> <p>(C) the frequency of interaction between the parties; and</p> <p>(D) the length of time since the relationship was terminated, if applicable[....]</p>	2

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37	Virginia	Va. Code Ann. § 16.1-228 (West 2021) Definitions	[...] "Family or household member " means (i) the person's spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (ii) the person's former spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (iii) the person's parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home with the person, (iv) the person's mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who reside in the same home with the person, (v) any individual who has a child in common with the person, whether or not the person and that individual have been married or have resided together at any time, or (vi) any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with the person , and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with the person.	2
38	Washington	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 26.50.010 (West 2021) Definitions	[...] (6) "Family or household members " means: (a) Adult persons related by blood or marriage; (b) adult persons who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past; and (c) persons who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren and grandparents and grandchildren. (7) "Intimate partner" means: (a) Spouses, or domestic partners; (b) former spouses, or former domestic partners; (c) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time; (d) adult persons presently or previously residing together who have or have had a dating relationship; (e) persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past and who have or have had a dating relationship; and (f) persons sixteen years of age or older with whom a person sixteen years of age or older has or has had a dating relationship[...]	2
39	West Virginia	W. Va. Code Ann. § 48-27-204 (West 2021)	"Family or household members " means persons who: (1) Are or were married to each other; (2) Are or were living together as spouses; (3) Are or were sexual or intimate partners; (4) Are or were dating: Provided, That a casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context does not establish a dating relationship; (5) Are or were residing together in the same household; (6) Have a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; (7) Have the following relationships to another person: (A) Parent; (B) Stepparent; (C) Brother or sister; (D) Half-brother or half-sister; (E) Stepbrother or stepsister; (F) Father-in-law or mother-in-law; (G) Stepfather-in-law or stepmother-in-law; (H) Child or stepchild; (I) Daughter-in-law or son-in-law; (J) Stepdaughter-in-law or stepson-in-law; (K) Grandparent; (L) Step grandparent; (M) Aunt, aunt-in-law or step aunt; (N) Uncle, uncle-in-law or step uncle; (O) Niece or nephew; (P) First or second cousin; or (8) Have the relationships set forth in paragraphs (A) through (P), subdivision (7) of this section to a family or household member, as defined in subdivisions (1) through (6) of this section.	2

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40	Wisconsin	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 813.12 (West 2021) 813.12. Domestic abuse restraining orders and injunction	<p>[...] (ag) "Dating relationship" means a romantic or intimate social relationship between 2 adult individuals but "dating relationship" does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in a business or social context. A court shall determine if a dating relationship existed by considering the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of the interaction between the adult individuals involved in the relationship.</p> <p>(am) "Domestic abuse" means any of the following engaged in by an adult family member or adult household member against another adult family member or adult household member, by an adult caregiver against an adult who is under the caregiver's care, by an adult against his or her adult former spouse, by an adult against an adult with whom the individual has or had a dating relationship, or by an adult against an adult with whom the person has a child in common[...]</p> <p>(b) "Family member" means a spouse, a parent, a child or a person related by blood or adoption to another person.</p> <p>(c) "Household member" means a person currently or formerly residing in a place of abode with another person[...]</p>	2
41	Wyoming	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-21-102 (West 2021) Definitions	<p>(a) As used in this act: [...]</p> <p>(iv) "Household member" includes:</p> <p>(A) Persons married to each other;</p> <p>(B) Persons living with each other as if married;</p> <p>(C) Persons formerly married to each other;</p> <p>(D) Persons formerly living with each other as if married;</p> <p>(E) Parents and their adult children;</p> <p>(F) Other adults sharing common living quarters;</p> <p>(G) Persons who are the parents of a child but who are not living with each other; and</p> <p>(H) Persons who are in, or have been in, a dating relationship[...]</p>	2
42	Alabama	Ala. Code § 13A-6-130 (West 2021) Domestic violence -- First degree.	<p>(a)(1) A person commits the crime of domestic violence in the first degree if the person commits the crime of assault in the first degree pursuant to Section 13A-6-20; aggravated stalking pursuant to Section 13A-6-91; or burglary in the first degree pursuant to Section 13A-7-5 and the victim is a current or former spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, any person with whom the defendant has a child in common, a present household member, or a person who has or had a dating relationship with the defendant.</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of this section, a household member excludes non-romantic or non-intimate co-residents, and a dating relationship means a current or former relationship of a romantic or intimate nature characterized by the expectation of affectionate or sexual involvement by either party[...]</p>	3
43	Delaware	Del. Code Ann. tit. 10, § 1041 (West 2021) Definitions Title 10. Courts and Judicial Procedure Part I. Organization, Powers, Jurisdiction and Operation of Courts Chapter 9. The Family Court of the State of Delaware Subchapter III. Procedure Part D. Protection from Abuse Proceedings	<p>[...] (2) "Domestic violence" means abuse perpetrated by 1 member against another member of the following protected classes:</p> <p>a. Family, as that term is defined in § 901(12) of this title, regardless, however, of state of residence of the parties, or whether parental rights have been terminated; or</p> <p>b. Former spouses; persons cohabitating together who are holding themselves out as a couple, with or without a child in common; persons living separate and apart with a child in common; or persons in a current or former substantive dating relationship. For purposes of this paragraph, neither a casual acquaintanceship nor ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in business or social contexts shall be deemed to constitute a substantive dating relationship. Factors to consider for a substantive dating relationship may include the length of the relationship, or the type of relationship, or the frequency of interaction between the parties[...]</p>	3

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44	District of Columbia	D.C. Code Ann. § 16-1001 (West 2021) Definitions Division II. Judiciary and Judicial Procedure. Title 16. Particular Actions, Proceedings and Matters. Chapter 10. Proceedings Regarding Intrafamily Offenses. Subchapter I. Intrafamily Proceedings Generally.	For the purposes of this subchapter, the term: [...] (6) “Interpersonal violence” means an act punishable as a criminal offense that is committed or threatened to be committed by an offender upon a person: (A) With whom the offender shares or has shared a mutual residence; or (B) Who is or was married to, in a domestic partnership with, divorced or separated from, or in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with another person who is or was married to, in a domestic partnership with, divorced or separated from, or in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship with the offender. (7) “Intimate partner violence” means an act punishable as a criminal offense that is committed or threatened to be committed by an offender upon a person: (A) To whom the offender is or was married; (B) With whom the offender is or was in a domestic partnership; or (C) With whom the offender is or was in a romantic, dating, or sexual relationship[....]	3
45	Kentucky	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 403.720 (West 2021) Definitions for KRS 403.715 to 403.785	As used in KRS 403.715 to 403.785: (1) “Domestic violence and abuse” means physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual abuse, strangulation, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, strangulation, or assault between family members or members of an unmarried couple; (2) “Family member” means a spouse, including a former spouse, a grandparent, a grandchild, a parent, a child, a stepchild, or any other person living in the same household as a child if the child is the alleged victim; [...] (5) “Member of an unmarried couple” means each member of an unmarried couple which allegedly has a child in common, any children of that couple, or a member of an unmarried couple who are living together or have formerly lived together; [....]	3
46	Mississippi	MS Code § 93-21-3(a)(West 2021)	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires: (a) “Abuse” means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between spouses, former spouses, persons living as spouses or who formerly lived as spouses, persons having a child or children in common, other individuals related by consanguinity or affinity who reside together or who formerly resided together or between individuals who have a current or former dating relationship: (i) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury or serious bodily injury with or without a deadly weapon; (ii) Placing, by physical menace or threat, another in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; (iii) Criminal sexual conduct committed against a minor within the meaning of Section 97-5-23; (iv) Stalking within the meaning of Section 97-3-107; (v) Cyberstalking within the meaning of Section 97-45-15; or (vi) Sexual offenses within the meaning of Section 97-3-65 or 97-3-95[...] (d) “Dating relationship” means a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature between two (2) individuals; it does not include a casual relationship or ordinary fraternization between two (2) individuals in a business or social context. Whether a relationship is a “dating relationship” shall be determined by examining the following factors: (i) The length of the relationship; (ii) The type of relationship; and (iii) The frequency of interaction between the two (2) individuals involved in the relationship.	3

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47	Montana	Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-102 (West 2021) Eligibility for order of protection	<p>(1) A person may file a petition for an order of protection if:</p> <p>(a) the petitioner is in reasonable apprehension of bodily injury by the petitioner's partner or family member as defined in 45-5-206; or</p> <p>(b) the petitioner is a victim of one of the following offenses committed by a partner or family member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) assault as defined in 45-5-201; (ii) aggravated assault as defined in 45-5-202; (iii) intimidation as defined in 45-5-203; (iv) partner or family member assault as defined in 45-5-206; (v) criminal endangerment as defined in 45-5-207; (vi) negligent endangerment as defined in 45-5-208; (vii) assault on a minor as defined in 45-5-212; (viii) assault with a weapon as defined in 45-5-213; (ix) strangulation of a partner or family member as defined in 45-5-215; (x) unlawful restraint as defined in 45-5-301; (xi) kidnapping as defined in 45-5-302; (xii) aggravated kidnapping as defined in 45-5-303; or (xiii) arson as defined in 45-6-103. <p>(2) The following individuals are eligible to file a petition for an order of protection against the offender regardless of the individual's relationship to the offender:</p> <p>(a) a victim of assault as defined in 45-5-201, aggravated assault as defined in 45-5-202, assault on a minor as defined in 45-5-212, stalking as defined in 45-5-220, incest as defined in 45-5-507, sexual assault as defined in 45-5-502, sexual intercourse without consent as defined in 45-5-503, sexual abuse of children as defined in 45-5-625, or human trafficking as defined in 45-5-701; or</p> <p>(b) a partner or family member of a victim of deliberate homicide as defined in 45-5-102 or mitigated deliberate homicide as defined in 45-5-103.</p>	3
48	New Jersey	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 2C:25-19 (West 2021) Definitions	<p>[...] d. "Victim of domestic violence" means a person protected under this act and shall include any person who is 18 years of age or older or who is an emancipated minor and who has been subjected to domestic violence by a spouse, former spouse, or any other person who is a present household member or was at any time a household member. "Victim of domestic violence" also includes any person, regardless of age, who has been subjected to domestic violence by a person with whom the victim has a child in common, or with whom the victim anticipates having a child in common, if one of the parties is pregnant. "Victim of domestic violence" also includes any person who has been subjected to domestic violence by a person with whom the victim has had a dating relationship[....]</p>	3

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49	North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 50B-1 (West 2021) § 50B-1. Domestic violence; definition	<p>(a) Domestic violence means the commission of one or more of the following acts upon an aggrieved party or upon a minor child residing with or in the custody of the aggrieved party by a person with whom the aggrieved party has or has had a personal relationship, but does not include acts of self-defense:</p> <p>(1) Attempting to cause bodily injury, or intentionally causing bodily injury; or</p> <p>(2) Placing the aggrieved party or a member of the aggrieved party's family or household in fear of imminent serious bodily injury or continued harassment, as defined in G.S. 14-277.3A, that rises to such a level as to inflict substantial emotional distress; or</p> <p>(3) Committing any act defined in G.S. 14-27.21 through G.S. 14-27.33.</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, the term "personal relationship" means a relationship wherein the parties involved:</p> <p>(1) Are current or former spouses;</p> <p>(2) Are persons of opposite sex who live together or have lived together;</p> <p>(3) Are related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren. For purposes of this subdivision, an aggrieved party may not obtain an order of protection against a child or grandchild under the age of 16;</p> <p>(4) Have a child in common;</p> <p>(5) Are current or former household members;</p> <p>(6) Are persons of the opposite sex who are in a dating relationship or have been in a dating relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, a dating relationship is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is not a dating relationship.</p> <p>(c) As used in this Chapter, the term "protective order" includes any order entered pursuant to this Chapter upon hearing by the court or consent of the parties.</p>	3
50	South Dakota	S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-3.1 (West 2021) Persons entitled to apply for protection order	<p>Any person who is involved in one of the following relationships with another party:</p> <p>(1) Spouse or former spouse;</p> <p>(2) Is in a significant romantic relationship or has been in one during the past twelve months with the abusing party;</p> <p>(3) Has a child or is expecting a child with the abusing party;</p> <p>(4) Parent and child, including a relationship by adoption, guardianship, or marriage; or</p> <p>(5) Siblings, whether of the whole or half blood, including a relationship through adoption or marriage;</p> <p>is entitled to apply for a protection order or a temporary protection order pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.</p>	3
		S.D. Codified Laws § 25-10-3.2 (West 2021) Factors for determining significant romantic relationship	<p>For purposes of chapter 25-10, when determining whether a relationship is a significant romantic relationship, the court shall consider, among others, the following factors:</p> <p>(1) The length of time of the relationship;</p> <p>(2) The frequency of interaction between the parties;</p> <p>(3) The characteristics and the type of the relationship.</p>	
51	Tennessee	Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-601 (West 2021) Definitions	<p>[...] (5) "Domestic abuse victim" means any person who falls within the following categories:</p> <p>(A) Adults or minors who are current or former spouses;</p> <p>(B) Adults or minors who live together or who have lived together;</p> <p>(C) Adults or minors who are dating or who have dated or who have or had a sexual relationship. As used herein, "dating" and "dated" do not include fraternization between two (2) individuals in a business or social context;</p> <p>(D) Adults or minors related by blood or adoption;</p> <p>(E) Adults or minors who are related or were formerly related by marriage; or</p> <p>(F) Adult or minor children of a person in a relationship that is described in subdivisions (5)(A)-(E); [...]</p>	3

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