

This guide is designed to help you make a decision for yourself. It is not legal advice.  
Clerks cannot give you legal advice or explain the information on this page.  
To get help from a Victim Advocate, you can call the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at 307-755-0992 or the Wyoming Division of Victim's Services at 1-888-996-8816.

## Sexual Assault Orders of Protection in Wyoming: Getting Started

This page can help you decide whether to ask the Court for a  
**Sexual Assault Order of Protection.**

Orders of Protection might also be called  
Protection Orders, Protective Orders, or Restraining Orders.  
In Wyoming, the formal name is Order of Protection.

You can ask the Court to give you an Order of Protection if you are a victim of  
**Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault or Stalking.**  
This page can help you figure out if a Sexual Assault Order of Protection fits your situation.

(There are "Getting Started" pages for Domestic Violence and Stalking too.  
You can get those pages from the Circuit Court Clerk or the Judicial Branch website.)

Sexual assault includes many different kinds of behaviors.

It includes forcing someone to have sex by physically overpowering them or by threatening them. These are actions that are commonly called "rape." Wyoming does not have separate laws for rape. Rape is a kind of sexual assault.

In addition to forcing a person to have sex, sexual assault also includes actions such as touching the sexual parts of another person's body without permission. The touching could be done with any body part (hand, mouth, penis, etc.). The touching could happen directly on the person's body or over the clothing that covers sexual parts.

Sexual assault also includes forcing someone to touch the sexual parts of a person's body.

Sexual assault also includes putting objects into the sexual parts of a person's body.

If any of these actions has been done to you, the Court might give you an Order of Protection to help keep you safer.

- ✓ You can ask for an Order of Protection even if the person who did these things did not get arrested.
- ✓ You can ask for an Order of Protection even if the person who did these things tells you that what they did is okay.
- ✓ You can ask for an Order of Protection even if you didn't tell anyone what happened. You do not have to have a police report or doctor's report.

You can get forms and instructions for asking the Court for an Order of Protection by visiting the Circuit Court Clerk in your county or the Judicial Branch website.