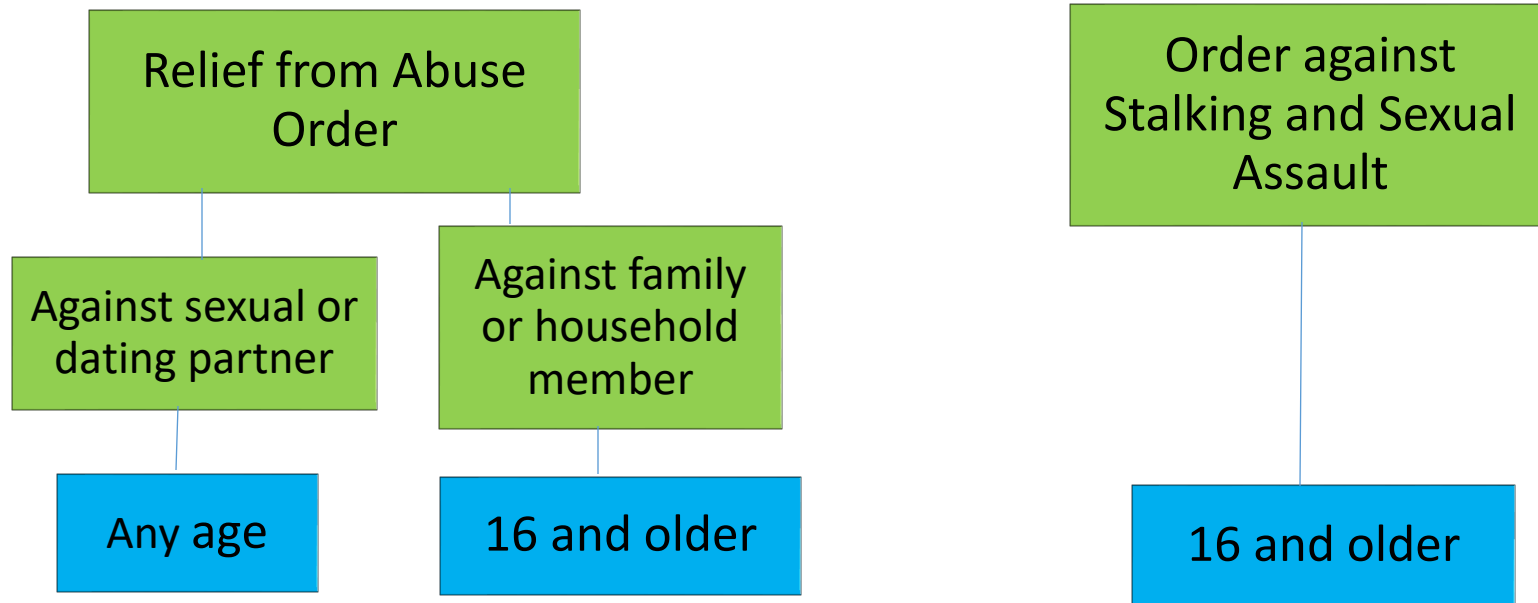


At what age can Vermont minors apply for protection orders on their own?



Parents, guardians, or 'next friends' may obtain protection orders on behalf of all minors.

Quick Facts about Protection Orders

There are two kinds of Protection Orders:

1. Relief From Abuse Orders

Available 24 hours a day

The person who you are getting the order against must be:

- ✓ Someone with whom you have had a sexual or dating relationship for any period of time; or
- ✓ A family or household member.

The person must have done one of the following:

- ✓ Physical harm or attempt to cause physical harm;
- ✓ Makes you afraid that s/he will soon cause you serious physical harm;
- ✓ Sexual assault; or
- ✓ Stalking.

2. Order Against Stalking and Sexual Assault

Available only during court hours

The person who you are getting the order against must:

- ✓ NOT be a family or household member;
- ✓ NOT be someone with whom you are or have dated or have had a sexual relationship;
- ✓ NOT be someone with whom you live or have lived.

The harm must include one of the following:

- ✓ Sexual assault; or
- ✓ Stalking.

How can a Protection Order protect me?

Both the Relief from Abuse and the Order Against Stalking & Sexual Assault can order the person who hurt you to:

- ✓ Stop abusing you and your children (if you have them);
- ✓ Stop interfering with your freedom to go where you please;
- ✓ Stay away from you; and
- ✓ Stop all forms of contact with you.