

TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE
DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

§ 1902. Definitions.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “Domestic or family violence” means the occurrence of one or more of the following acts by a family or household member, but does not include acts of self-defense:

(1) Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury to another family or household member;

(2) Placing a family or household member in fear of bodily injury;

(3) Attempting to cause or causing a family or household member to engage in coerced or forced sexual activity by force, threat of force or intimidation;

(4) Engage in a knowing and willful course of conduct that constitutes harassment.

(b) “Family or household members” include:

(1) Adults or minors who are current or former spouses;

(2) Adults or minors who live together or who have recently lived together;

(3) Adults or minors who are dating;

(4) Adults or minors who are engaged in or who have recently engaged in a sexual relationship;

(5) Adults or minors who are related by blood or adoption;

(6) Adults or minors who are related by marriage or formerly related by marriage;

(7) Persons who have a child in common; and

(8) Minor children of a person in a relationship that is described in paragraphs (1) through (7).

(c) “Harassment” is a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose under law or custom. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the victim.

(d) “Program of intervention for perpetrators” means a specialized program that:

(1) Accepts perpetrators of domestic or family violence; or

(2) Offers treatment to perpetrators of domestic or family violence; or

(3) Offers classes or instructions to perpetrators of domestic or family violence.

(e) “Program for victims of domestic or family violence” means a specialized program for victims of domestic or family violence and their children that provides advocacy, shelter, crisis intervention, social services, treatment, counseling, education, or training.

(f) “Safety plan” means a written or oral outline of actions to be taken by a victim of domestic or family violence to secure protection and support after making an assessment of the dangerousness of the situation.

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