

**456.010 Definitions for chapter. (Effective July 15, 2026)**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Dating relationship" means a relationship between individuals who have or have had a relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. It does not include a casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization in a business or social context. The following factors may be considered in addition to any other relevant factors in determining whether the relationship is or was of a romantic or intimate nature:
  - (a) Declarations of romantic interest;
  - (b) The relationship was characterized by the expectation of affection;
  - (c) Attendance at social outings together as a couple;
  - (d) The frequency and type of interaction between the persons, including whether the persons have been involved together over time and on a continuous basis during the course of the relationship;
  - (e) The length and recency of the relationship; and
  - (f) Other indications of a substantial connection that would lead a reasonable person to understand that a dating relationship existed;
- (2) "Dating violence and abuse" means:
  - (a) Physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual assault, strangulation, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual assault, strangulation, or assault occurring between persons who are or have been in a dating relationship; or
  - (b) Any conduct prohibited by KRS 525.125, 525.130, 525.135, or 525.137, or the infliction of fear of such imminent conduct, taken against a domestic animal when used as a method of coercion, control, punishment, intimidation, or revenge directed against a person with whom the perpetrator is or has been in a dating relationship, when that person has a close bond of affection to the domestic animal;
- (3) "Domestic animal" means a dog, cat, or other animal that is domesticated and kept as a household pet, but does not include animals normally raised for agricultural or commercial purposes;
- (4) "Foreign protective order" means any judgment, decree, or order of protection which is entitled to full faith and credit pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 2265 which was not issued on the basis of domestic violence and abuse;
- (5) "Global positioning monitoring system" means a system that electronically determines a person's location through a device worn by the person which does not invade his or her bodily integrity and which transmits the person's latitude and longitude data to a monitoring entity;
- (6) "Order of protection" means any interpersonal protective order, including those issued on a temporary basis, and includes a foreign protective order;
- (7) "Sexual assault" refers to conduct prohibited as any degree of rape, sodomy, or sexual abuse under KRS Chapter 510 or a criminal attempt, conspiracy, facilitation, or solicitation to commit any degree of rape, sodomy, or sexual abuse, or incest under KRS 530.020;

- (8) "Stalking" refers to conduct prohibited as stalking under KRS 508.130, or a criminal attempt, conspiracy, facilitation, or solicitation to commit the crime of stalking;
- (9) "Strangulation" refers to conduct prohibited by KRS 508.170 and 508.175, or a criminal attempt, conspiracy, facilitation, or solicitation to commit the crime of strangulation; and
- (10) "Substantial violation" means criminal conduct which involves actual or threatened harm to the person, family, or property, including a domestic animal, of an individual protected by an order of protection.

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