

State	DV Arrest Policy	Relevant Statute	Circumstances
Alabama	Officer's Discretion	Ala. Code 1975 § 15-10-3 (8)	An officer <u>may</u> arrest a person when an offense involves domestic violence, and the arrest is based on probable cause, regardless of whether the offense is a felony or misdemeanor
Alaska	Mandatory Arrest; Mutual is discretionary	Alaska Stat. § 18.65.530 (A) and (B)	An officer <u>shall</u> arrest a person when there is probable cause to believe that a crime of domestic violence has been committed in past 12 hours. When there are mutual accusations, policy of determination of the primary aggressor
Arizona	Discretionary/Mandatory Arrest	Ariz. Legis. Serv. Ch. 90 §13-3601(B)	An officer <u>shall</u> arrest where infliction of physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibition of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument. Otherwise, discretionary.
Arkansas	Pro-Arrest; Mutual is discretionary	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-81-113 (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(A)	Where probable cause exists, arrest is the <u>preferred</u> action. Mutual accusations to be evaluated separately, policy of determination of primary aggressor.
California	Pro-Arrest/Mandatory/Mutual discouraged	Cal. Penal Code § 13701(B)	Arrest <u>encouraged</u> where probable cause. Mandatory arrest when claiming violation of domestic violence protective or restraining order. Dual arrests are discouraged, but not prohibited. Reasonable efforts shall be made to identify primary aggressor.
Colorado	Mandatory Arrest; Mutual is discretionary	Colo. Rev. Stat. § 18-6-803.6	An officer <u>shall</u> arrest where probable cause to believe that a crime involving domestic violence was committed. Mutual accusations to be evaluated separately.
Connecticut	Mandatory Arrest; Mutual is discretionary	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-38b (a)	An officer <u>shall</u> arrest whenever the officer determines upon speedy information that an act of domestic violence has occurred.
Delaware	Officer's Discretion	Del. Code Ann. Tit 11 § 1904 (A)(4)	An officer <u>may</u> arrest whenever there are reasonable grounds to believe that any misdemeanor involving physical injury or the threat thereof or any misdemeanor involving illegal sexual contact or attempted sexual contact has taken place.
DC	Mandatory Arrest	D.C. Code Ann. § 16-1031 (a)	An officer <u>shall</u> arrest where probable cause to believe physical injury or the threat thereof has occurred.
Florida	Officer's discretion/Mutual discouraged	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.29 (3) and 4(a) and 4(b)	An officer <u>may</u> arrest whenever the officer determines upon probable cause that an act of domestic violence has been committed. Mutual accusations to be evaluated separately; mutual arrests strongly discouraged, policy of determination of primary aggressor.