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Mandatory	Preferred	Discretionary
Alaska	Arkansas	Alabama
Arizona	California	Delaware
Colorado	Massachusetts	Florida
Connecticut	Montana	Georgia
Iowa	North Dakota	Hawaii
Kansas	Tennessee	Idaho
Louisiana		Illinois
Maine		Indiana
Mississippi		Kentucky
Missouri		Maryland
Nevada		Michigan
New Hampshire		Minnesota
New Jersey		Nebraska

New York		New Mexico
Ohio		North Carolina
Oregon		Oklahoma
Rhode Island		Pennsylvania
South Carolina		Texas
South Dakota		Vermont
Virginia		West Virginia
Utah		Wyoming
Washington		
Wisconsin		
Washington, D.C.		

Source: Analysis of State Statutes. Discretionary arrest means that an officer has the discretion to make an arrest or not when they report to a domestic violence call. Preferred arrest laws are laws that encourage arrests but do not mandate arrests. Together, twenty seven states in all do not have mandatory arrest laws for domestic violence cases. [The full research document to document these figures is linked, here.](#)