

Appendix

| Mandatory | Preferred | Discretionary |
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| 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.](#)