



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2005 Wisconsin Act 32
[2005 Assembly Bill 62]

**Sentencing Court Authority to
Impose Contact Prohibitions**

Act 32 authorizes a court, when sentencing an individual or placing an individual on probation for conviction of a crime, to prohibit the individual from contacting victims of, or co-actors in, a crime considered at sentencing if the court determines the prohibition would be in the interest of public protection. The prohibition may apply during any part of the individual's sentence or probation period. Under the Act, the court may determine the victims of any crime considered at sentencing. The Act defines "co-actor" as "any individual who was a party to a crime considered at sentencing, whether or not the individual was charged with or convicted of a crime considered at sentencing."

Violation of a no-contact order authorized by the Act is a Class A misdemeanor. The Act requires a court that prohibits an individual from contacting a victim of or co-actor in a crime considered at sentencing to inform the individual of the prohibition and of the penalty for violation of the order.

Effective Date: Act 32 takes effect August 30, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information,
consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.