



## Gun Violence Protection Orders Help Prevent Teen Dating Violence.

In California, youth ages 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence of any age group—a rate nearly triple the national average. To mark *Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month*, we are sharing information about how California's Gun Violence Protection Orders help to safeguard teens from dating violence.

Access to firearms puts youth who are experiencing teen dating violence at risk, as intimate partner violence involving a firearm is twelve times more likely to result in a fatality than any other weapon. Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs) and Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVROs) can provide immediate protection to teens who are being hurt or threatened by their intimate partners. These orders protect individuals experiencing violence by temporarily preventing perpetrators from owning or purchasing firearms and ammunition, while providing additional protections to keep people experiencing violence safe.

Reduce the Risk is working to expand awareness and educate Californians about protection orders as a tool to end teen dating violence in our state. Download our DVRO and GVRO Fact Sheets to learn more about how and when to file one of these protection orders:



[Download DVRO Fact Sheet \(English\)](#)



[Download DVRO Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)



[Download GVRO Fact Sheet \(English\)](#)



[Download GVRO Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)

Protection orders save lives by temporarily removing an abusive partner's access to weapons, allowing survivors of dating violence to seek support and get to safety. To learn more about protection orders, visit our [website](#).



Teens are highly vulnerable to dating violence. About 16 million women and 11 million men who reported experiencing intimate partner violence in their lifetime said that they first experienced it before age 18.

Teen dating violence is not just physical; abuse can be emotional, psychological, verbal, sexual, digital, etc. Abuse is not always immediate and abusive behaviors can develop over time, which is why it is critical to know the [warning signs](#).

If you or someone you know is experiencing teen dating violence, there are resources available to help.

## **love is respect**

love is respect is a national resource that educates individuals about teen dating violence, and empowers youth through inclusive and equitable education, support and resources.

***National Teen Violence Support Hotline: 1-866-331-9474***

Text LOVEIS to 22522

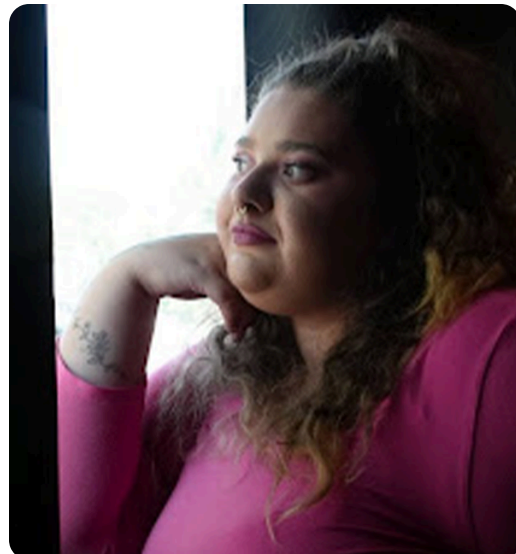


# **The Impact of Teen Dating Violence On Our Youth**

Dating violence can have short-term and long-term effects on teens. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), those who experience teen dating violence are more likely to experience depression, engage in unhealthy behaviors such as alcohol and tobacco use, exhibit antisocial behaviors or experience suicidal ideation.

Check out this quote from Gabriella Gonzales, a Reduce the Risk Youth Advisory Council Member and advocate for teen dating violence prevention:

“Teen dating violence is real, and even if parents believe their child isn’t exposed to it, many teens are. As a community, we need to protect our youth by educating them on consent, boundaries, and safety in relationships. As someone who experienced violence both from other teens and adults when I was a teenager, I want to see this issue taken seriously and addressed with urgency. We can’t stay in denial—



prevention starts with awareness,  
education, and support."

*Gabriella Gonzales, Reduce the  
Risk Youth Advisory Council  
Member*



## Join Us in Reducing the Risk

### **Schedule a Free Training**

Reduce the Risk offers a free Protection Order Training Program to raise awareness and educate communities across California about the state's nine protection orders. Through our work with law enforcement, healthcare professionals, legal professionals and other trusted community leaders, we have provided organizations across California with the information and resources they need to educate their communities about these lifesaving tools and empower them to save lives.

This one-hour training is available both virtually or in-person, and aims to help your organization better understand how they can use protection orders to keep your communities safe. To schedule a training for your organization please visit our [website](#).

### **Share Information About Protection Orders With Your Community!**

Reduce the Risk has published resources for Californians who are interested in learning more about protection orders. Please share these resources with others in your organization or community to help them learn about the power of protection orders.

To download materials, visit our [website](#) or contact us at [ReduceTheRisk@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:ReduceTheRisk@caloes.ca.gov) for more information.

GET INVOLVED

## Share Knowledge. Save Lives.

If you know someone who might find this information helpful, please forward this notice and refer them to our site for in-person

and virtual training opportunities. You can also contact our team of subject matter experts for media interviews.

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To learn more about **Reduce the Risk** and how you can prevent gun violence in your community, visit [www.ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov](http://www.ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov).



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