

# REDUCE THE RISK

Gun Violence Protection Orders Save Lives

## Gun Violence Prevention Campaign Fact Sheet

An initiative of the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Reduce the Risk is an outreach and education effort to help people understand the nine types of protection orders that can stop gun violence and save lives.

If you are in  
immediate  
danger, please  
**call 911.**



Even though protection orders work, many people don't know about them. A recent study showed that **almost 80% of people** are worried they don't have enough information.

### Community-Informed

The Reduce the Risk campaign is informed by a Champions Advisory Council, composed of experts in law enforcement, legal practice and health care, as well as a Youth Advisory Council, a group of young leaders on the frontlines of gun violence prevention.

### Protection Orders

Since 2016, protection orders such as Gun Violence Restraining Orders have stopped 58 mass shooting threats in California.<sup>1</sup>

These orders temporarily remove guns from people who might hurt themselves or others. They give loved ones and friends a way to act when there are warning signs, helping to prevent suicides, mass shootings and other forms of violence.



### Gun Violence by the Numbers

California has fewer gun deaths than most other states, but gun violence still hurts many people. Every life lost is one too many.

Gun violence costs California about **\$41.9 billion** each year. Taxpayers pay about **\$1.1 billion** of that. That means each person in California pays around **\$1,060** due to costs associated with gun violence.

- **People who live with guns are more likely to be killed by firearms.**
- **If a woman has a gun, her chance of dying by suicide is much higher, about 35 times more. For first-time male gun owners, it's about 8 times more.**
- **Most mass shootings are not a surprise. In many cases, someone gave a warning first.**
- **Every day, around 132 people are killed by guns in the U.S. That means someone dies from gun violence every 11 minutes.**



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<sup>1</sup><https://injuryprevention.bmj.com/content/28/5/465#DC1>