

# Domestic Violence Restraining Orders



## Protection from Violence Starts Here

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

On average, someone is killed by gun violence every three hours in California. To help stop this, the state has nine protection orders. These orders help keep people safe. They include steps like temporarily taking away someone's guns. They let others step in and give someone in trouble time to stop and get help.

### DVRO AT A GLANCE

#### WHEN IT'S NEEDED

**If someone is being hurt or threatened by someone they live with or love**

#### WHO CAN FILE

- Family members
- A husband, wife or partner
- Someone who lives with the person or used to live with them

#### LENGTH OF ORDER

**21 days, can be extended 1–5 years**



### What is it?



A DVRO is one of California's nine protection orders. It helps people who are being hurt or scared by a partner, family member or roommate. They can ask a judge for protection.

### Who it Protects

A DVRO protects people who have been hurt or scared by someone they are close to. This could be a husband or wife, partner, roommate or family member.



### How it Helps



A DVRO helps keep people safe. It takes away the other person's guns for a short time. They are not allowed to buy or have guns, bullets or magazines while the order is in place. The DVRO can also stop the person from coming near you, calling or texting you or going to your home, school or work.



**About 1 in 3 women and men in California**

have been hurt or abused by a close partner.

**Scan here** to learn more about protection orders and how to reduce the risk of gun violence.

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