



## Community E-Toolkit

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### California's Protection Orders Reduce the Risk of Gun Violence and Save Lives

Gun violence remains a serious threat in California, with too many lives at risk. To help prevent tragedy, California has implemented the nation's strongest gun violence prevention measures, including nine protection orders that temporarily remove firearms from individuals in crisis.

These orders empower loved ones, law enforcement, employers, school officials, the courts and others to act when warning signs appear, helping prevent suicides, mass shootings and other acts of violence. If someone you know is at risk, help is available. Taking action can save lives.

Through the temporary removal of firearms and pause in the ability to purchase firearms or ammunition, protection orders like Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs), Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVROs) and Postsecondary School Violence Restraining Orders (SVROs) prevent tragedies without punishment, offering people in crisis time to seek help and a chance to heal.

#### How Protection Orders Save Lives:

- GVROs alone have prevented 58 mass shootings since they were enacted.<sup>1</sup>
- A victim's risk of homicide increases by 5 times when an abusive partner has access to a gun.<sup>2</sup>
- The risk of suicide increases by 3.7 times for individuals who own a handgun.<sup>3</sup>

Those closest to someone in crisis—family, friends, coworkers—are often the first to notice the warning signs. Protection Orders provide friends and loved ones with the power to act and keep those they care about and their communities safe.



**Reduce the risk of gun violence and save lives. Learn more about protection orders, schedule a training, and sign up for updates today: [ReduceTheRisk.CA.gov](https://www.reducetherisk.ca.gov)**

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<sup>1</sup>California's 'Red Flag' Law Utilized for 58 Threatened Mass Shootings. (n.d.). <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/californias-red-flag-law-utilized-58-threatened-mass-shootings>

<sup>2</sup> National Library of Medicine. (n.d.). Risk factors for firearm-related violence. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12835191/>

<sup>3</sup> American Journal of Public Health (ajph) (July 9, 2020) Access to Firearms, Homicide, and Suicide: Role of the Mortality Multiplier [Access to Firearms, Homicide, and Suicide: Role of the Mortality Multiplier | AJPH | Vol. 110 Issue 10.](https://ajph.org/doi/full/10.1093/ajph/110.10.1511)