

Gun Violence Restraining Orders



Take Action Against Gun Violence

If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

In 2020, half of gun deaths in California were from murder. Almost half were from suicide. To help stop this, California has nine protection orders that let people take action to stop gun violence and give those in crisis a chance to get help.

GVRO AT A GLANCE

WHEN IT'S NEEDED

If someone might get hurt by a gun.

WHO CAN FILE

- Police officers
- Close family members
- A husband, wife, partner or roommate
- A boss or coworker
- A teacher at the person's school

LENGTH OF ORDER

21 days, can be extended 1–5 years



What Is it?

A GVRO is a California protection order. It lets people like family, teachers or police ask a judge for help if someone might hurt themselves or others. If the judge agrees, the person's guns are taken away for a short time to help keep everyone safe.

Who it Protects

A GVRO helps everyone stay safe. It gives people time to stop and get help if they might hurt themselves or others. It can also help to prevent suicide.



How It Helps

A GVRO takes away someone's guns for a short time so the person can pause and get help. They are not allowed to have or buy guns, bullets or magazines until the order is over.

4X People who own handguns are almost 4 times more likely to die by suicide than people who don't.

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

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