

Gun Violence Protection Orders

On average, someone is killed by gun violence every three hours in California. To help prevent harm, the state has nine protection orders. These orders can take away someone's guns for a short time and give them a chance to get help. They help keep people safe.



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Gun Violence Protection Orders Save Lives



Gun Violence Restraining Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

People who might hurt themselves or others.

WHO CAN FILE

- Law enforcement
- Close family members
- Spouse, partner or roommate
- Boss or coworker
- Teacher at the person's school

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-5 years



Domestic Violence Restraining Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

People who have been hurt or scared by someone they are close to (such as a spouse, partner, roommate, or family member).

WHO CAN FILE

- Close family members
- Spouse or partner
- Someone who lives with or used to live with the person

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-5 years



Civil Harassment Restraining Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

People in danger of harassment, stalking or threats from someone without a close relationship (such as a neighbor or coworker).

WHO CAN FILE

People who have been threatened

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-5 years



Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

Seniors and adults with disabilities facing abuse, neglect or financial harm.

WHO CAN FILE

- People over 65 or those 18-64 with physical or intellectual disabilities
- Someone seeking protection for these adults

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-5 years



Juvenile Restraining Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

Children under 18 being hurt, bullied or threatened. Or someone needing protection from a child being violent or threatening.

WHO CAN FILE

People involved in a juvenile court case (such as a parent, guardian, children in the household, probation officers or social worker seeking protection for or from a juvenile under the care of the court).

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-3 years

Postsecondary School Violence Restraining Order



WHO DOES IT HELP

Students at a college or trade school.

WHO CAN FILE

A college or trade school leader or someone they appoint.

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-3 years



Workplace Violence Restraining Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

Employees, volunteers, independent contractors, board of directors and public officers receiving threats in the workplace.

WHO CAN FILE

Employers

DURATION

21 days; can extend 1-3 years



Criminal Protective Order

WHO DOES IT HELP

Victims or witnesses during a criminal case.

WHO CAN FILE

A district attorney during a criminal case.

DURATION

Duration of the case; can extend up to 10 years



Emergency Protective Orders (EPO-001 & EPO-002*)

*A GVRO issued on an emergency basis

WHO DOES IT HELP

People who are an immediate risk to themselves or others.

WHO CAN FILE

Law enforcement

DURATION

5 court days or 7 calendar days, and up to 21 days