

Gun Violence Protection Orders





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California's Nine to Save Lives

If you are in immediate danger, please call 911.

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.

Protection Order	Who Does It Help?	Who Can File?	Duration
 Gun Violence Restraining Order	People who might hurt themselves or others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement • Close family members • Spouse, partner or roommate • Boss or coworker • Teacher at the person's school 	21 days; can be extended 1-5 years
 Domestic Violence Restraining Order	People who have been hurt or scared by someone they are close to (ex: spouse, partner, roommate or family member.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close family members • Spouse or partner • Someone who lives with or used to live with the person 	
 Civil Harassment Restraining Order	People in danger of harassment, stalking, or threats from someone without a close relationship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who have been threatened 	
 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Order	Seniors and adults with disabilities facing abuse, neglect or financial harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People over 65 or those 18-64 with physical or intellectual disabilities • OR someone seeking protection for them 	
 Juvenile Restraining Order	Children under 18 being hurt, bullied or threatened. Or someone needing protection from a child being violent or threatening.	People involved in a juvenile court case (ex: parent, guardian, children in the household, probation officers, or social worker seeking protection for or from a juvenile under the care of the court)	
 Postsecondary School Violence Restraining Order	Students at a college or trade school.	A college or trade school leader or someone they appoint.	
 Workplace Violence Restraining Order	Employees, volunteers, independent contractors, board of directors and public officers receiving threats in the workplace.	Employers	
 Criminal Protective Order	Victims or witnesses during a criminal case.	A district attorney during a criminal case.	Case duration; can extend to 10 years
 Emergency Protective Orders (EPO-001 & EPO-002*) *A GVRO issued on an emergency basis	People who are an immediate risk to themselves or others.	Law enforcement	5 court days or 7 calendar days (Sometimes up to 21 days)