



REDUCE THE RISK

Gun Violence Protection Orders | Save Lives

HOW TO HELP REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE



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Agenda

- Reduce the Risk
- Gun Violence Across the State
- Protection Orders Deep Dive
- Protection Orders in Your County
- Suicide Intervention & Prevention
- Public Awareness & Understanding
- Gun Violence Restraining Orders Save Lives
- How to File
- How to Get Involved



Protection Order Myths vs. Facts

 Myths	 Facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Protection orders seek to remove guns from law-abiding gun owners.● Protection orders put the public and police in danger of retaliation.● Serving protection orders is complicated and includes too much paperwork.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Protection orders are temporary and preserve an individual's second amendment rights.● Protection orders can be sealed and used as investigative tools. They complement the other work done by law enforcement.● Protection orders follow the same process as a DVRO.

Reduce the Risk Campaign



Purpose & Goals

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services established a program in July 2022 to raise awareness and educate the public about protection orders that help prevent gun violence.

The goals of the campaign:

1. **Save** lives by reducing firearm violence including self-harm.
2. **Communities Keep Safe** by empowering Californians with the information they need to prevent gun violence in their local communities.
3. **Connect Californians to information and resources** about California's protection orders at ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov.

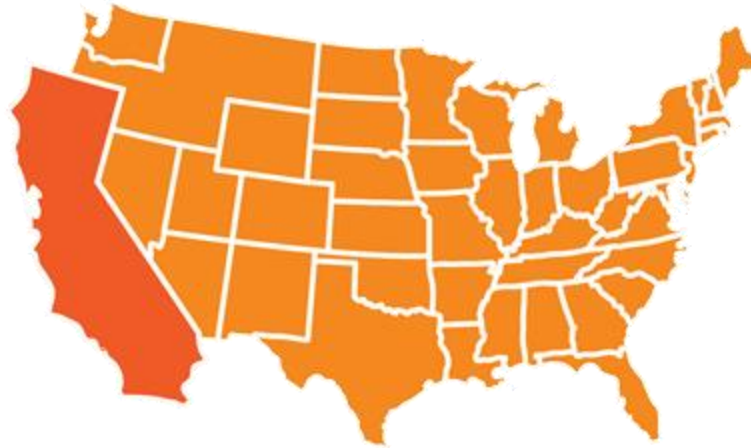
Gun Violence Across the State



Gun Violence in California

#45

Overall Gun Death Rate
in the Country



#29

Firearm Homicide Rate
in the Country

7%

Of Firearm Deaths
in the Country

#44

Firearm Suicide Deaths
in the Country

Each year, about 3,200 Californians die to gun violence.

BulletPoints: California Firearm Homicide and Suicides Rates



Of All Firearm Deaths

54% Suicides

43% Homicides

1% Legal Intervention

1% Undetermined

1% Unintentional



<1%
Are From
Mass Shootings

CDC WISQARS, 2018-2022 & Follman, Aronesen, & Pan 2023

Nine Types of Protection Orders



**Gun Violence
Restraining Order**



**Juvenile
Restraining Order**



**Criminal
Protective Order**



**Emergency
Protective Orders**



**Civil Harassment
Restraining Order**



**Elder or Dependent Adult
Abuse Restraining Order**



**Domestic Violence
Restraining Order**



**Workplace
Restraining Order**



**Postsecondary School
Violence Restraining Order**

More Protection Orders



Criminal Protective Order

Filed by DA on behalf of a witness or victim in a criminal case



Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Order

Filed on behalf of seniors and adults facing disabilities



Juvenile Restraining Order

Protects people involved in a juvenile court case and is filed by a probation officer, or social worker



Postsecondary School Violence Restraining Order

Filed by a school leader or someone they appoint



Workplace Violence Restraining Order

Filed by employers on behalf of employees, volunteers, or contractors





CA Protection Orders Data
Monterey County

Population 437,614
(as of Jan. 1, 2024)





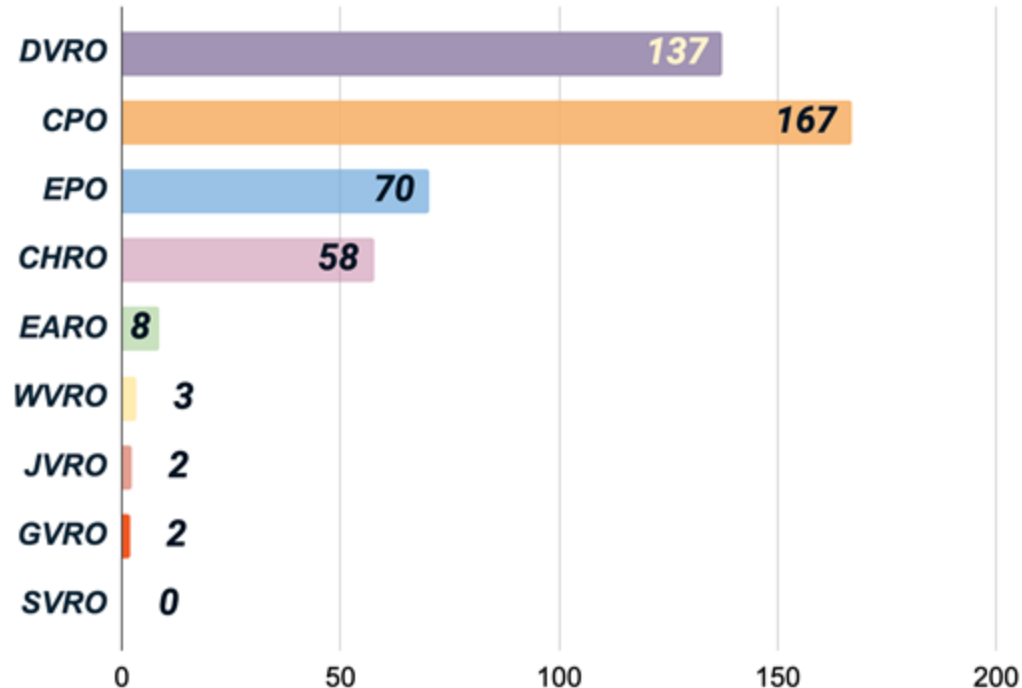
CA Protection Orders Data Monterey County

2024 All Protection Orders Issuances Per 100,000

- PROTECTION ORDER KEY**
- CPO Criminal Protection Order
 - DVRO Domestic Violence Restraining Order
 - EPO Emergency Protection Order
 - CHRO Civil Harassment Restraining Order
 - EARO Elder / Dependant Adult Abuse Restraining Order
 - JVRO Juvenile Restraining Order
 - GVRO Gun Violence Restraining Order
 - WVRO Workplace Violence Restraining Order
 - SVRO Postsecondary School Violence Restraining Order

2024 - All Protection Orders (POs)

Monterey County Issuances Per 100,000



Issuances
for All POs
**Decreased
By 5%**

Suicide Prevention



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Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention

By making protection orders more widely known and easier to obtain, California is ensuring that fewer families suffer the loss of a loved one to preventable gun deaths.

40%

of GVROs issued in California since 2016 addressed cases of threatened suicide.

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No suicides have occurred among individuals served with a GVRO. GVROs are the only protection order that can effectively prevent suicides.

14%

Reduction in suicide rates reported in states with similar programs, demonstrating their effectiveness as a preventive tool.

NO

Criminal or mental health evaluation or history required to file a GVRO for an individual in crisis.

*Deisenhammer et al. 2009
**Studdert et al. 2020

Public Awareness & Understanding



What We Know

We conducted a statewide study to determine awareness and understanding of protection orders among Californians and identify how to better educate the public.

70%

Of Californians Believe
the State has Temporary
Gun Removal Laws

79%

Of Californians are
Concerned About the
Lack of Information

70%

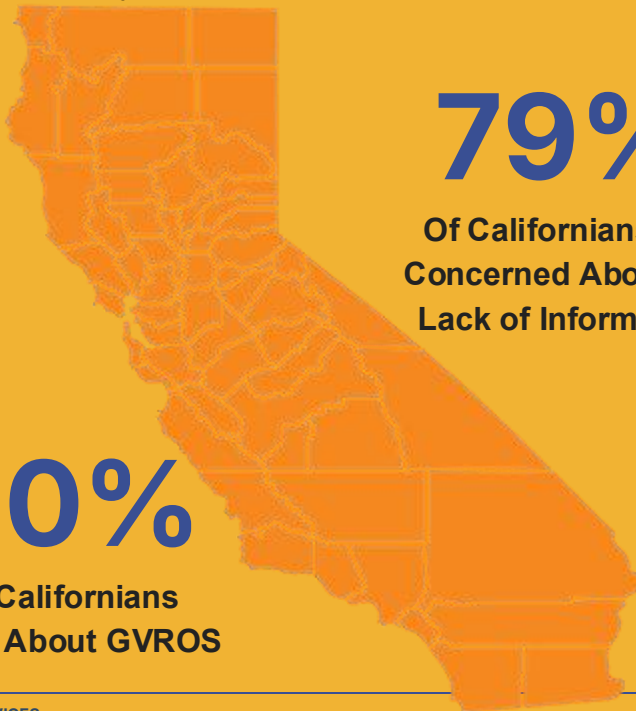
Of Californians
Know About DVROS

30%

Of Californians
Know About GVROS

77%

Say They Would
Consider Filing





Gun Violence Restraining Orders

What is it?

A GVRO 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.

Who can file a GVRO?

Law enforcement, close family members, spouses and intimate partners, employers or co-workers, roommates, teachers where the respondent attends school.

How long does a GVRO Last?

A temporary GVRO initially provides protection for up to 21 days. The petitioner can re-file for an extension of 1-5 years.



Types of GVROs

Emergency Protective Orders (EPO-002)

- Can only be sought by law enforcement
- The person in crisis poses an immediate and present danger
- Typically lasts up to 21 days

Temporary GVROs

- Can be issued by eligible petitioners
- The person in crisis poses a significant danger, in the near future
- Typically last up to 21 days; can be extended 1-5 years



GVROs Work & Keep Communities Safe

Proven Impact on Suicide Prevention

- **40% of GVROs** issued in California since 2016 addressed cases of threatened suicide.*
- **No suicides** occurred among individuals served with a GVRO.**
- States with similar programs report a **14% reduction** in suicide rates, demonstrating its effectiveness as a preventive tool.**

Effectiveness in Reducing Firearm Violence

- GVROs enhance community safety, particularly for at-risk populations.
- They provide a crucial mechanism to remove firearms from individuals in crisis, preventing tragedies before they occur.
- GVROs have been used to help prevent 58 threatened mass shootings.***

*Injury Prevention: Gun violence restraining orders in California, 2016-2018

**Implementation and Effectiveness of Connecticut's Risk-Based Gun Removal Laws

***UC Davis: California's 'Red Flag' Law Utilized for 58 Threatened Mass Shootings



GVROs Work & Keep Communities Safe

Sealing GVROs

- GVROs can be sealed to **keep the public and police safe** when a judge deems it necessary.
- Limits the possibility of **hiding firearms** before removal.

Public Record

- GVROs are public record and entered into CCPOR — they help **protect the police and the community**.
- **Follows a respondent** to a new location in California.



How to File



How to File

Step-by-step guide for eligible petitioners

Step 1

Fill out the court papers (petition).

Step 2

File the petition with the Superior Court clerk.

Step 3

Get the petition back from the clerk.

Step 4

Arrange for the GVRO to be served to the person in crisis.

Step 5

Prepare for court hearing (if filing for a long-term GVRO).

Step 6

Finish the case (if filing for a long-term GVRO).



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Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order

Check orange date here when born in field

Petitioner must complete items (1) and (2) only.

1 Petitioner

a. Your Full Name or Name of Law Enforcement Agency:

Fill in full name and street address

Superior Court of California, County of

Court file or case number when born in field

Case Number:

I am: A family member of the respondent
 An officer of a law enforcement agency
 An employer of the respondent
 A co-worker of the respondent
 An employee or teacher of a secondary or postsecondary school that the respondent has attended in the last 6 months
 A roommate of the respondent
 A person who has a dating relationship with the respondent.
 A person who has a child in common with the respondent.

b. Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):
 Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____
 Firm Name: _____

c. Your Address (if you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. If you do not have a lawyer and want to keep your home address private, you may give a different mailing address instead. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email. Law enforcement officer, give agency information.)
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email Address: _____

2 Respondent

(Give all the information you know. Information with a star (*) is required to add this order to the California police database. If age is unknown, give an estimate.)

*Full Name: _____ *Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

*Race: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

*Gender: M F Nonbinary Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to Protected Person: _____

The court will complete the rest of this form.

3 Expiration Date

This Order expires at the end of the hearing scheduled for the date and time below:

Date: _____ Time: _____ a.m. p.m.

This is a Court Order

Author: Council of California Judges (2008) (CA-03)
 Rev. January 1, 2015. Replaces Form
 Penal Code, § 10240.4 (a-c)
 Approved by 2014

Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order
 (CLETS-TGV) (Gun Violence Prevention)

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GV-110 Form Walkthrough





Monterey County Resources

Monterey County Superior Court of CA

Phone: 831-775-5400

Website: www.monterey.courts.ca.gov/

How You Can Prevent Gun Violence



How You Can Help

Even though protection orders work, many people don't know they exist. Your support is critical. There are easy steps you can take to raise awareness about protection orders in your community to prevent gun violence.

1. **Share** GVRO Educational Resources with Your Colleagues
2. **Refer** Your Colleagues for a Training
3. **Subscribe** for Updates
4. **Implement** GVROs in Your Community



Visit [ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov](https://www.ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov) for more details, to download resources, and learn about filing protection orders.



**For more information on how to file
California's protection orders, please visit
[ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov](https://www.ReduceTheRisk.ca.gov).**





Questions?

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