



Gun Violence Restraining Order Quick Facts

A Violence Prevention Tool for California

What is a Gun Violence Restraining Order?

A GVRO is a type of restraining order which allows for the temporary removal of firearms from an individual who poses a significant risk of harm to themselves or others

What is the difference between GVRO's and other restraining orders?

A GVRO can order someone to:

- Not have (possess or own) a gun, ammunition or magazines;
- Not buy a gun, ammunition, or magazines; and
- Turn in any guns, ammunition and magazines to the police, sell them to or store them with a licensed gun dealer

A GVRO cannot force the subject to:

- stay away from you or your family members;
- not contact or go near you, your children, other relatives, or others who live with you;
- stop abuse or harassment; or
- move out of your house.

STEPS TO OBTAINING A GVRO

- Request a petition from your local Superior Court or download one online.
- Complete and submit the petition and other necessary paperwork.
- If the judge issues a temporary GVRO, ask a law enforcement officer to serve the order on the subject of the petition.
- Attend the hearing scheduled by the court.

WHO CAN PETITION FOR A GVRO



Families and Household Members



Employers and Coworkers



Teachers and School Employees



Law Enforcement

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GVRO?

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Emergency Gun Violence Restraining Order

- ONLY a law enforcement officer can petition for
- may be approved orally by a judicial officer even when the court is not open
- generally requested over the phone

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Temporary Gun Violence Restraining Order

- Family, household members, teachers, school employees, co-workers, employers, and law enforcement can petition
- must be filed during normal court hours
- If approved the order will last for 21 days.

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Final Gun Violence Restraining Order

- When a temporary or emergency GVRO is issued, the court will schedule a hearing within 21 days to determine if a Final GVRO is necessary
- If the order is granted, the judge set its duration between one and five years
- A final GVRO may be renewed up to three months before it expires



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