

Resources

To obtain a GVRO petition and to ask general questions regarding the process of filing a GVRO, contact the Central Justice Center at the phone number or location below.

Central Justice Center

657-622-5720 or 657-622-5756

700 Civic Center Drive West

Santa Ana, CA 92701

[occourts.org/self-help/restraining orders/](http://occourts.org/self-help/restraining-orders/)

Irvine Police Department Business Desk

949-724-7000

City of Irvine FOR Families

949-724-6650

[cityofirvine.org/seek-assistance/
families](http://cityofirvine.org/seek-assistance/families)

Waymakers

949-250-0488

info@waymakersoc.org

1221 E. Dyer Road, Suite 120, Santa Ana, CA 92705

waymakersoc.org

Human Options

949-737-5242

5540 Trabuco Road, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92620

humanoptions.org

UCI CARE

Campus Assault Resources & Education

949-824-7273

G320 Student Center, Irvine, CA 92697

care.uci.edu

GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS



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WHAT IS A GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER?

California's Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) offers family members, household members, and law enforcement a tool to temporarily remove firearms, ammunition, and magazines from an individual who is a danger to themselves or others.

A GVRO is a court order that:

- ☒ Prohibits the restrained person from possessing a gun, ammunition, or magazines
- ☒ Prohibits the restrained person from purchasing a gun, ammunition, or magazines
- ☒ Requires the restrained person to turn in guns, ammunition, and magazines to police or sell/store them with a licensed gun dealer

WHO CAN ASK FOR A GVRO?

Only an immediate family member or a law enforcement officer can ask the court for a GVRO.

Immediate family members include:

- ☒ Spouse or domestic partner
- ☒ Parents, children, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, and their spouses, including any stepparent or stepgrandparent
- ☒ Spouse's parents, and any stepfamily member not listed above
- ☒ Any person who lives, or has lived, in the home within the last six months

LIMITS OF THE GVRO

A GVRO will NOT:

- ☒ Restrain the subject from contact with other persons
- ☒ Order the subject to stay away from any locations
- ☒ Order the subject to move out of their home

OTHER TYPES OF RESTRAINING ORDERS

Five of the most common restraining orders in California include:

- **Emergency Protective Orders:** Local law enforcement can request an emergency protective order if a victim of domestic violence, child abuse, child abduction, stalking, elder abuse, or dependent adult abuse is at risk of imminent harm or danger
- **Domestic Violence Restraining Orders:** Protects victims of domestic violence if the victim and their abuser are in a domestic relationship or are closely related
- **Civil Harassment Restraining Orders:** Requested when the relationship between the victim and the abuser, stalker, or harasser is not considered to be a domestic relationship
- **Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Restraining Order:** May be requested if the victim is 65 or older, or between 18 and 64 and a dependent adult
- **Workplace Violence Restraining Order:** Filed by an employer to protect an employee from violence, stalking, or harassment by another employee

GVRO LEGAL PROCESS

STEP 1 – Request a Petition

Request a petition from your local Superior Court or download here: courts.ca.gov/documents/gv100.pdf

STEP 2 – Submit the Petition

Complete and submit the petition and other necessary paperwork to the court

STEP 3 – Judge Reviews Petition

A judge will review the petition and may issue a temporary GVRO that will remain in effect until a scheduled hearing. Once a temporary GVRO is issued, you may ask a law enforcement officer, a process server, or any adult who is not a party to the action to serve the order.

STEP 4 – Attend the Hearing

Attend the hearing scheduled by the court. The hearing will be scheduled 21 days after the temporary GVRO is issued. At the hearing the court may grant a GVRO that is in effect for up to one year.