



GVROs

Gun Violence Restraining Orders

Who can request a GVRO?

- Family members
- Household members, roommates
- Some employers, colleagues, teachers, school staff
- People involved in a dating relationship
- People who have a child together
- Law enforcement

Why might someone need a GVRO?

A GVRO can be helpful if a person is in crisis and showing signs that they might hurt themselves or others. A person that has access to guns increases the risk of death and injury for themselves and others.

What does the GVRO do?

- Removes firearms/ammunition from an individual that poses a danger to themselves or others.
- Allows time for the respondent to seek support.
- Allows law enforcement time to seek for a 1 to 5-year restraining order.

Types of GVROs

- An **Emergency Protective GVRO** can only be obtained by law enforcement.
- A **Temporary GVRO** can be self-filed by filling out and submitting all required court forms. The forms are free and are available online and at any LA County Superior Court.
- A GVRO is temporary until a judge grants the order for a period of time.

What is a GVRO?

A Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) can stop someone from having, owning, or buying firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines.

A GVRO can be obtained by police, family members, intimate partners, housemates, employers, co-workers, and school officials.

A GVRO removes guns and/or ammunition for 21 days and up to 5 years from individuals who are at risk of harming themselves or others.

How to obtain a GVRO:

1

In an EMERGENCY, please call 911. Only law enforcement can obtain an Emergency Protective GVRO.

2

For a Temporary GVRO and if you feel comfortable, visit your local police station or any Los Angeles County Superior Courthouse
<https://www.lacourt.org/courthouse>

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Assistance is also available at:

- Legal Aid of Los Angeles
<https://lafla.org/>
- CA Courts – Self Help Guide
<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/GV-restraining-order>

Need assistance navigating GVROs? OVP is here to help.

Get in touch with OVP's GVRO Navigator

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Find the Right Tools at LACountyGVRO.org

