

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**GUN VIOLENCE EMERGENCY
PROTECTIVE ORDER
RESPONDENT PACKET**



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What is a *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002)?

It is a court order requested by law enforcement that prohibits someone from having any of the following prohibited items:

- Firearms, including any handgun, rifle, shotgun, and assault weapon;
- Firearm parts, meaning receivers, frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531 (these may also be called “ghost guns”));
- Ammunition; and
- Magazines (any ammunition feeding device).

The person must turn in, sell, or store all prohibited items listed above that they currently own.

For more information about prohibited items, please see <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/restraining-orders/prohibited-items>.

Who can ask for a gun violence emergency protective order?

The gun violence emergency protective order must have been requested by a law enforcement officer and was issued by a judicial officer based on the statements made under penalty of perjury in the protective order.

I've been served with a *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002) and a *Notice of Court Hearing*. What do I do now?

Read the papers served on you very carefully. The *Notice of Court Hearing* or form EPO-002 tells you when to appear for court and where the court is located. If you want to attend the hearing remotely, such as by phone or videoconference, check your local court's website for instructions and availability. Follow the *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002) prohibiting you from having any prohibited items listed above and requiring you to surrender, sell, or store any prohibited items that you currently own or possess. You must obey the order until the expiration date on the form.



What if I don't obey the emergency protective order?

The police can arrest you. You can go to jail and pay a fine. You may also be prohibited for a longer period of time from having access to firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines.

What if I don't want the order to be extended?

If you disagree with the order that has been issued and do not want the court to extend it for a longer time, fill out [Response to Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order \(form GV-020\)](#), before your hearing date. File the form with the court and serve it on the requesting law enforcement agency. You can get the form from legal publishers or from the California Courts website at www.courts.ca.gov/forms. You also may be able to find it at your local courthouse or county law library.

Will I have to pay a filing fee?

No.

Do I have to serve the other person with a copy of my response?

Yes. Have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—mail a copy of the completed *Response to Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form GV-020) to the law enforcement agency that issued the *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002). (This is called “service by mail.”)

The person who serves the form by mail must fill out [Proof of Service by Mail \(form GV-025\)](#). Have the person who did the mailing sign the original form GV-025. Take the completed form back to the court clerk or bring it with you to the hearing.



Should I attend the court hearing?

Yes. You should attend the hearing listed on the *Notice of Court Hearing* or the *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002). You can do so remotely, such as by telephone or videoconference, or go to court in person. If you do not attend the hearing, the judge can extend the order against you for a period of time between 1-5 years without hearing from you.

**Will I see the person who asked for the court order at the court hearing?**

It's possible the law enforcement officer may appear at the court hearing.

Can I attend the court hearing remotely, such as by telephone or videoconference?

Yes. Remote appearances are permitted for parties and witnesses. Check with your local court for instructions on how to appear remotely. Information is also available on the court's website, which you can find at www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm.

**What if I need help to understand English?**

When you file your papers, ask the clerk if a court interpreter is available. You can also use form [INT-300, Request for Interpreter \(Civil\)](#), or a local court form or website to request an interpreter. For more information about court interpreters, go to selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-interpreter.

Can I bring a witness to the court hearing?

Yes. You can bring witnesses or documents that support your case to the hearing. But if possible, you should also bring the witnesses' written statements of what they saw or heard. Their statements must be made under penalty of perjury. (You can use [Declaration \(form MC-030\)](#) for this purpose.)

What if I have a disability?

If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court, you can use form [MC-410, Disability Accommodation Request](#), to make your request. You can also ask the ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see form [MC-410-INFO, How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court](#).

Do I need a lawyer?

Having a lawyer is always a good idea, but it is not required, and you are not entitled to a free, court-appointed attorney. Ask the court clerk about free and low-cost legal services and self-help centers in your county.

For help in your area, contact:

[Local information may be inserted.]

How long does the order last?

The *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002) will last until the expiration date listed on the front of the form in item 3. The court will decide at the hearing whether to issue a gun violence restraining order that can last for a period of time between 1-5 years.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Use this form if you do not want the court to extend the *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* for a period of time between 1–5 years.

1. Read *How Can I Respond to a Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order?* (form GV-020-INFO) to protect your rights.
2. Fill out this form and take it to the filing window at the court.
3. Have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—mail a copy of this form and any attached pages to the law enforcement agency that applied for the *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002). (Use *Proof of Service by Mail* (form GV-025).)

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE
330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO CA 92101
- EAST COUNTY DIVISION
250 E. MAIN ST., EL CAJON, CA 92020
- NORTH COUNTY DIVISION
325 S. MELROSE DR., VISTA, CA 92081
- SOUTH COUNTY DIVISION
500 3RD AVE., CHULA VISTA, CA 91910

See Notice of Hearing for case number and fill in:

Case Number:

1 Requesting Agency or Officer

(A petition may be filed in the name of the law enforcement agency in which the officer is employed.)

2 Restrained Person

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

b. Your Address *(If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information. You do not have to give telephone, fax, or email address.)*
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email Address: _____

Be prepared to tell the court at the hearing why you don't agree. Write your hearing date, time, and place from the Notice of Hearing or *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-002) here:

Hearing Date → Date: _____ Time: _____
 Dept.: _____ Room: _____

You must obey the *Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order* until the expiration date. At the hearing, the court may make an order against you for a period of time between 1–5 years.

3 Gun Violence Restraining Order

I do not agree that a gun violence restraining order should be extended for 1–5 years *(explain)*:

Check here if there is not enough space above for your answer. Put your complete answer on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 3—Reasons I Disagree" as a title. You may use form MC-025, Attachment.

4 **Denial, Justification, or Excuse**

I did not do anything described in item 7 of form EPO-002.

If I did some of the things stated in the Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order, my actions were justified or excused for the following reasons (*explain*):

Check here if there is not enough space above for your answer. Put your complete answer on an attached sheet of paper and write "Attachment 4—Denial, Justification, or Excuse" as a title. Use form MC-025, Attachment.

5 **Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines**

A Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order (form EPO-002) was issued against you. You cannot own or possess any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). You must turn over any of these items in your possession to law enforcement when they ask you to do so. If not asked, you must sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any of the above listed items in your immediate possession or control within 24 hours of being served with form EPO-002. You must file a receipt with the court and the law enforcement agency. You may use *Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines* (form GV-800) for the receipt.

- a. I do not own or control any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines.
- b. I have turned in my firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines to a law enforcement officer or agency, or sold them to or stored them with a licensed gun dealer. A copy of the receipt is attached has already been filed with the court and the law enforcement agency.

6 Number of pages attached to this form, if any: _____

Date: _____

Lawyer's name (if any)

▶ _____
Lawyer's signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above and on all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print your name

▶ _____
Sign your name

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

(Use this form for serving form GV-020, Response to Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order)

1 Requesting Agency

Full Name: _____

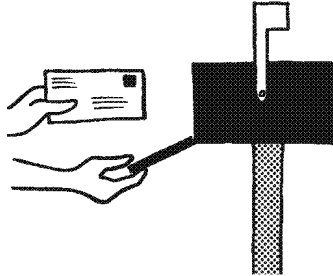
2 Restrained Person

Full Name: _____

3 Notice to Server

The server must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Live or be employed in the county where the mailing took place.
- Not be a party to the case.
- Mail a copy of all documents checked in **4** to the agency in **1**.
- Complete and sign this form and give it to the person in **2**.



Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE
330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO CA 92101
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Fill in case number:

Case Number:

4 PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this case. I live or am employed in the county where the mailing took place. I mailed the Requesting Agency a copy of all documents checked below:

- a. Form GV-020, *Response to Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order*
- b. Other (specify): _____

5 I placed copies of the documents above in a sealed envelope and mailed them as described below:

- a. Mailed to (name): _____
Law enforcement agency: _____
- b. To this address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
- c. On (date): _____ Mailed from City: _____ State: _____

6 Server's Information

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(If you are a registered process server):

County of registration: _____ Registration number: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print server's name

▲ _____
 Server to sign here

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Use this form if you have been served with a Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order (form GV-100) and you want to agree to voluntarily give up your firearm rights without a court hearing.

- Fill out this form and take it to the court clerk.
- Have someone age 18 or older—**not you**—mail a copy of this form and any attached pages to the Petitioner or to their lawyer. (Use *Proof of Service by Mail* (form GV-250).)
- If you do not agree to a gun violence restraining order, use *Response to Petition for Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-120) to tell the court you oppose a gun violence restraining order.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

- CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE
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See Petition for case number and fill in:

Case Number:**1 Petitioner**

Name of person or law enforcement agency seeking order (see form GV-100, item ①):

2 Respondent

- a. Your Name: _____
Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):
Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____
Firm Name: _____
- b. 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.)
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Email Address: _____

3 Gun Violence Restraining Order

- By checking this box and signing this form, I agree to give up my right to own, possess, or purchase firearms (guns), firearm parts, magazines, and ammunition for the time requested in the petition (between one to five years) or, if no time is specified, then for one year. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531).
- I am not contesting the petition.
 - I understand that the petitioner can request to renew this order for one to five years.
 - I understand that I can only request to terminate this order once per year while it is in effect.



4 Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines

- After you file this form, the court will issue a *Gun Violence Restraining Order After Hearing or Consent to Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-130) and send it to you and the petitioner in the mail.
 - This form will be listed in the statewide California Restraining and Protective Order System, where it will be accessible to all law enforcement.
 - You cannot own or possess any guns, other firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). You must sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, those items in your immediate possession or control within 48 hours of filing this form. You must file a receipt with the court. You may use *Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines* (form GV-800) for the receipt.
- a. I do not own or control any firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines.
- b. I have turned in my firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines to a law enforcement officer or agency, or sold them to or stored them with a licensed gun dealer. A copy of the receipt is attached. has already been filed with the court.

Instructions to Clerk

- On the filing of *Consent to Gun Violence Restraining Order and Surrender of Firearms* (form GV-125), submit the proposed order, *Gun Violence Restraining Order After Hearing or Consent to Gun Violence Restraining Order* (form GV-130) to the judicial officer, because the court must issue the order at least five court days before the scheduled hearing, or if this form is filed within five court days before the scheduled hearing, the court must issue, without any hearing, the gun violence restraining order, as soon as possible.
- Within one business day of issuance of the order, submit this form directly into the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS) or to law enforcement to enter into CARPOS within one business day of receipt from the court.

Date: _____

Lawyer's name (if any)



Lawyer's signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above and on all attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print your name



Sign your name

What items do I need to turn in, sell, or store?

You must turn in, sell, or store all of the following prohibited items that you have or control:

- Firearms, including any handgun, rifle, shotgun, and assault weapon;
- Firearm parts, meaning receivers, frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531) (these may also be called “ghost guns”);
- Ammunition, also called ammo, including bullets, shells, cartridges, and clips; and
- Magazines (any ammunition feeding device, whether fixed or removable).

How do I properly turn in, sell, or store the prohibited items?

You must take them to:

- Law enforcement, who will accept all prohibited items and may store them or destroy them;

OR

A licensed gun dealer, who can buy or store firearms.
If you have firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines, call ahead for more information.

When do I have to turn in, sell, or store the prohibited items?

Immediately if law enforcement asks you for the items.
Otherwise, within 24 hours.

Who can I turn in, sell, or store the prohibited items with?

Only law enforcement or a licensed gun dealer. You cannot give your prohibited items to a family member, friend, or anyone else.

Where can I sell the prohibited items?

At a licensed gun dealer in your area. You can search the internet for “Gun Dealers” or “Firearms Dealers” to find one. Make sure the dealer is licensed.

Do I have to pay a fee to store prohibited items?

You may have to pay a fee. Contact your local law enforcement agency or a licensed gun dealer about fees and whether they have space to store your items.

How do I turn in the prohibited items to law enforcement?

Call your local law enforcement agency to ask about their procedures. Unload your firearms and take a copy of the court order with you.

Do not bring firearms to court.

If I turn in the prohibited items to law enforcement, how long will they keep them?

It depends. There are procedures for getting your firearms back after the restraining order has expired. Ask the law enforcement agency for more information.

After I turn in the prohibited items to law enforcement, can I change my mind?

Yes. You are allowed to sell firearms, ammunition, and magazines to a licensed gun dealer. To do this, the gun dealer must present a bill of sale to your local law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency will give the licensed gun dealer the items that you are selling.

Do I have to prove that I have turned in, sold, or stored the prohibited items?

Yes. Within 48 hours you must file a receipt with the court and the law enforcement agency showing that you have surrendered the prohibited items to a law enforcement agency or sold them to or stored them with a licensed gun dealer. You may use [*Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines \(form GV-800\)*](#) for this purpose.

Additional Questions?

Contact an attorney for legal advice. Call your local law enforcement agency, for example, your city police or county sheriff for their procedures.

Information about prohibited items and how to obey these orders is also available online.

<https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/respond-to-GV-restraining-order/obey-firearms-orders>.

For help in your area, contact:

[Local information may be inserted.]

Empty box for clerk stamping date.

1 Petitioner/Requesting Agency

Name: _____

2 Respondent/Restrained Person

a. Your Name: _____

Your Lawyer (if you have one for this case):

Name: _____ State Bar No.: _____

Firm Name: _____

b. 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.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

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Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number: _____

3 To the Restrained Person:

If a judge has ordered you to turn in, sell, or store your firearms (guns), firearm parts—meaning receivers, frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531)—use this form to prove to the judge that you have obeyed their orders. Take this form to law enforcement officer or a licensed gun dealer to complete item ④ or ⑤. For more information on how to properly turn in your items, read form GV-800-INFO, *How Do I Turn In, Sell, or Store My Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines?*

4 To Law Enforcement

(Complete the section below. Keep a copy and give the original to the person in ②.)

Name of Law Enforcement Agency: _____

Name of Law Enforcement Agent: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Items Surrendered

a. Firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines transferred on:

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

b. List of items (List all the items surrendered by the person in ②). You may attach a separate form from your agency (e.g., a property report), use item ⑥, or both. Check below if you have attached a separate form):

Separate form is attached. (If it does not include all surrendered items, list additional items in item ⑥.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.

Signature of law enforcement agent: _____



5 To Licensed Gun Dealer

(Complete the section below. Keep a copy and give the original to the person in ②.)

Name of Licensed Gun Dealer: _____

License number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Items Stored or Sold

a. Firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, and magazines transferred on:

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

b. List of items *(List all the items surrendered by the person in ②). You may attach a separate form (e.g., Department of Justice’s Report of Firearms Acquisition) or you may use item ⑥. Check below if you have attached a separate form):*

Separate form is attached. *(If it does not include all surrendered items, list additional items in item ⑥.)*

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.

▶ Signature of licensed gun dealer: _____

6 List of Items Surrendered

Firearms and firearm parts

	Make	Model	Serial Number, if there is one	Sold	Stored	To be destroyed
(1)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ammunition and magazines

	Brand	Type	Amount	Sold	Stored	To be destroyed
(1)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6)	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check here if there is not enough space above for your answer. Use a separate sheet of paper to list other items. Write “GV-800, item 6” at the top, and attach it to this form.

7 To the Restrained Person:

Besides the items listed on page 2 or in an attached form, do you have or own any other firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines?

No

Yes (If yes, check one of the boxes below:)

a. I filed a *Receipt of Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines* (form GV-800) or other proof for those items with the court on (date): _____

b. I am filing the proof for those firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines along with this proof.

c. I have not yet filed the proof for the other firearms (guns), firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines. (Explain why not):

Your signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and correct.

Date: _____

Type or print your name



Sign your name

Your Next Steps

- After the form is complete, make two additional copies. Take the copies and original to the court clerk to file.
- If law enforcement served you with the restraining order, give a copy to the law enforcement agency that served you with the restraining order.
- Keep a copy for yourself.

Note that failure to file a receipt with the court and with the law enforcement agency is a violation of the court's order.