

Extreme Risk Protection Orders

A National Perspective

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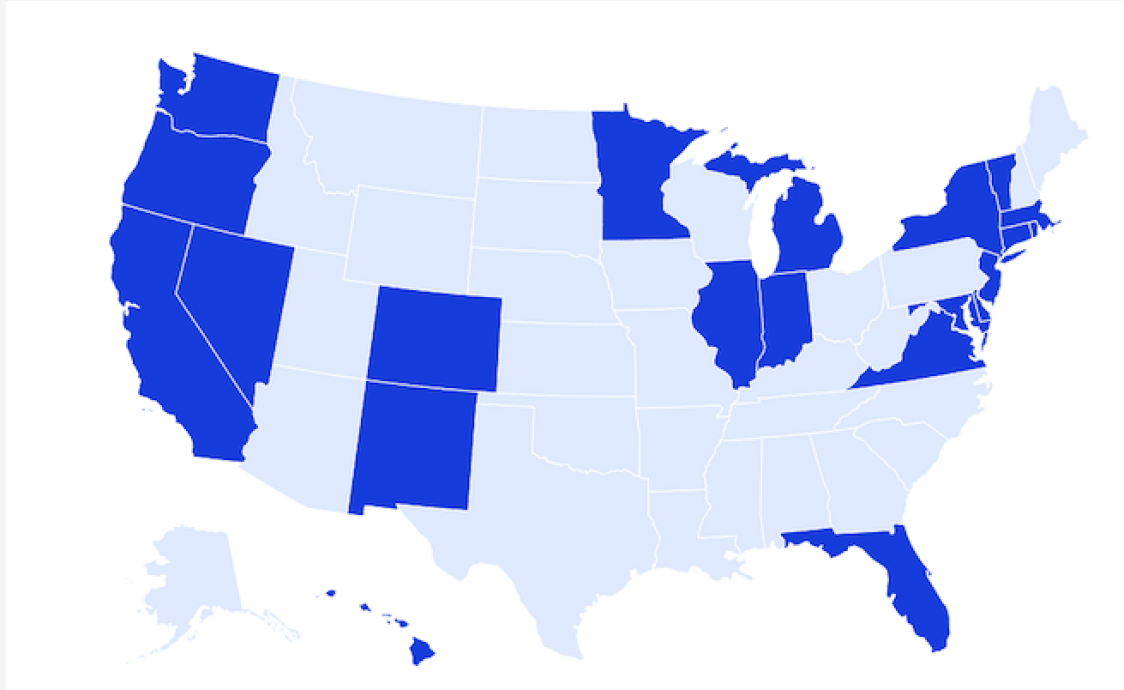
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Are Extreme Risk Laws Effective?

A growing body of research finds that these laws can be effective at preventing gun violence when implemented effectively, particularly with respect to suicide.

- Two studies in Connecticut estimated that one suicide was averted for approximately every 11-22 gun removals carried out under the ERPO law.
- Another study found that after Connecticut increased enforcement of its ERPO law, the law was associated with a 14% reduction in the state's firearm suicide rate.
- In Indiana, in the 10 years after the state passed its ERPO law in 2005, the state's firearm suicide rate decreased by 7.5%.
- A multistate study found that one suicide was averted for every 17 ERPOs issued, which translates to 269 lives saved.

21 States and Washington DC Have Enacted Extreme Risk Laws



ERPO Use to Date (select states)

State	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Rate per 100,000 (2024)
California	424	1,110	1,284	1,384	1,909	2,703	2,762	7.0
Colorado			108	143	122	182	153	2.6
Connecticut	259	245	195	210	828	2,131	1,488	40.5
Delaware		21	16	29	14	17	62	5.9
Florida	1,192	2,075	2,309	2,482	3,102	4,083	3,951	16.9
Indiana	-	-	123	232	253	652	648	9.4
Illinois		74	67	38	112	244	254	2.0
Maryland	303	873	712	754	741	697	696	11.1
New Jersey		167	337	349	563	678	-	-
New Mexico			4	3	13	47	96	4.5
New York		167	281	342	2,562	5,074	5,370	27.0
Oregon	74	116	144	149	166	186	204	4.8
Rhode Island	10	31	35	33	50	53	49	4.4
Vermont	19	19	17	17	12	36	36	5.6
Virginia			44	131	189	248	300	3.4
Washington	146	160	200	99	118	274	243	3.1

Oregon ERPO Use to Date

Year	Petitions Filed
2018	74
2019	116
2020	144
2021	149
2022	166
2023	186
2024	204

Findings from a study of the first 5 years:

- 60% filed by law enforcement
- 81% of respondents were male
- 84% involved a threat of assault or homicide
- 63% involved a threat of suicide
 - Half involved both assault/homicide and suicide
- 11% involved a threat of mass violence
- 35% cited domestic violence concerns
- 25% cited alcohol use/misuse as a concern
- 69% of cases where an ERPO was granted had no data on whether firearms were removed

Oregon ERPO Filings by County, 2024

County	# of petitions	Rate per 100,000	County	# of petitions	Rate per 100,000
Multnomah	19	2.4	Benton	3	3.0
Washington	22	3.6	Polk	5	5.5
Clackamas	21	4.9	Josephine	7	7.9
Lane	14	3.7	Klamath	7	9.9
Marion	11	3.1	Coos	3	4.7
Jackson	7	3.2	Clatsop	3	7.3
Deschutes	41	19.4	Crook	13	47.6
Linn	7	5.3	Jefferson	3	11.7
Yamhill	3	2.7	Lake	4	48.8

Key Elements of Successful ERPO Implementation

- Build strong cross-sector partnerships and ensure collaboration
- Provide training and support for law enforcement
- Conduct targeted outreach to key stakeholders
 - Prosecutors, judges, behavioral health professionals, crisis responders, victim advocates, community organizations
- Support for family petitioners
- Public education

Case Study: Broward County, FL

Case Management

- ERPO cases are handled by the Threat Response Unit in Fort Lauderdale PD. Patrol officers refer potential ERPO cases to TRU, which investigates and files petitions on behalf of the department.
- A city attorney is assigned to handle the filing of all petitions and serves as the liaison and representative in court proceedings.

Training

- Basic training for all new and patrol officers on recognizing the criteria for using ERPO and identifying cases where it could be applied effectively.
- More in-depth training program for detectives in the TRU.

Collaboration

- FLPD collaborates closely with local social service providers, including a major behavioral health center.

Year	# of petitions filed	Rate per 100,000 people
2018	208	10.69
2019	212	10.86
2020	180	9.26
2021	223	11.52
2022	279	14.19
2023	197	9.84
2024	232	11.39

Case Study: Palm Beach County, FL

Case Management

- ERPO cases are primarily handled by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, through the Targeted Violence Unit of the Behavioral Health Division.
- The TVU employs 15 deputies and 15 clinical therapists and specializes in identifying cases that meet the criteria for an ERPO and filing petitions.

Training

- All sworn personnel at PBSO have received training on identifying potential ERPO cases and how to refer to the TVU for an investigation.

The number of ERPO petitions dramatically increased following a new effort to train deputies.

Year	# of petitions filed	Rate per 100,000 people
2018	16	1.08
2019	74	4.94
2020	98	6.56
2021	177	11.77
2022	317	20.70
2023	439	28.19
2024	392	24.78