

**Who to call**  
if you need  
help filing  
an ERPO

**Legal Aid  
Services of  
Oregon\*:**

**Hours:** M-F,  
9:00A – 12:00P,  
1:00P – 5:00P

**Phone:**  
(503) 224-4086  
or toll free  
1-800-228-6958

\*only for Domestic  
Violence related cases

**Multnomah  
County  
Circuit  
Courts:**

**Hours:** M-F,  
8:30A–10:30A,  
1:30P – 4:00P

**Phone:**  
(503) 988-3022  
press 2

**If you are in  
immediate  
danger call  
9-1-1**

# Are you afraid someone you know may hurt themselves or others with a gun\*?



An **Extreme Risk Protection Order** temporarily takes away guns or deadly weapons\* from people who a judge finds are a danger to themselves or others.

## What is an Extreme Risk Protection Order?

A court order that temporarily requires a person to turn in their firearms or any deadly weapon.\* The court can order this step if law enforcement officers, family, or household members can show that this person is a significant danger to themselves or others. This court order is also known as an ERPO.

## What does the order do?

- A person subject to an ERPO must turn over any guns or deadly weapons within 24 hours. The guns must go to a law enforcement agency or officer, a licensed Oregon gun dealer, or an adult who can legally have firearms.
- The ERPO lasts up to one year. It can be renewed if legal standards are met. It can also be terminated by a judge in some situations.
- A person served with an ERPO must turn in their concealed carry license; and
- That person cannot have or buy a deadly weapon while the order is in place.

\*“Deadly weapon” means any instrument, article, or substance specifically designed for and presently capable of causing death or serious physical injury or a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded. If you are in immediate danger call 9-1-1.

## What it does not do

- It is not a no-contact order. It does not legally stop someone from having contact with a person who has requested an ERPO.
- It doesn't remove a deadly weapon immediately.
- It doesn't address restraint from premises or child custody.

## What else you should know

- Filing for an Extreme Risk Protection Order is free. Resources are available to help you file.
- A person subject to an ERPO can challenge it for up to 30 days. The order will stay in effect during that time.
- It takes time. An ERPO can't be granted by calling 911: it requires a court process.
- You can ask for an ERPO even if you already have an existing protective or restraining order. Visit: [courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/default.aspx](https://courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/default.aspx)

## Who can ask for an ERPO?

- Household members.
- Family members (spouse, parent, child or sibling).
- Current intimate partners (boyfriend, girlfriend, partners).
- You can also contact a law enforcement officer to request help filing an ERPO.

## Where to file for an ERPO?

**Please note:** In order to file an ERPO on the same day, you must submit your paperwork by noon. Officials recommend arriving early to allow for enough time to complete paperwork.

- **Multnomah County Courthouse**  
1021 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204
- **East County Courthouse**  
18480 SE Stark St., Portland, OR 97233
- **Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Services**  
10305 E Burnside St., Portland, OR 97216

## How to file for an ERPO?

- ERPO petitions are available at the locations listed above.
- Once you fill out the packet, you should turn it in by noon to be seen by a judge on the same day.
- Forms are also online for you to look at or print in advance:  
[courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/Extreme-Risk-Protection.aspx](https://courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/Extreme-Risk-Protection.aspx)
- Advocates can help you fill out the paperwork.

You may also qualify for other protective or restraining orders. Visit [courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/default.aspx](https://courts.oregon.gov/programs/family/domestic-violence/Pages/default.aspx) for more information.

## Help a Family Member or Friend

**Call to Safety (24/7):**  
503-235-5333 or toll-free  
at 1-800-235-5333

**Multnomah County  
Crisis line (24/7):**  
(503) 988-4888

**Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline (24/7):**  
1-800-273-8255