

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7

February 5, 2026

SUBJECT: DIRECT ACCESS TO CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER, FORM EPO-001; CALIFORNIA GUN VIOLENCE EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER, FORM EPO-002 – REVISED


PURPOSE: The purpose of this Order is to advise Department personnel of the direct access they now have to California’s Emergency Protective Order, Form EPO-001. The form, which is used when victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse or Stalking seek court protection, was primarily accessible through the California Courts, Judicial Branch of California’s website - www.courts.ca.gov, via a hyperlink contained within the Department’s E-Form portal; however, the hyperlink has been removed and the form inserted for direct access.

Additionally, California’s Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order, Form EPO-002, which is used to temporarily remove guns, ammo and parts from individuals who pose a significant, immediate risk of harming themselves or others, has been revised to reflect the most current effective date of January 1, 2025.

PROCEDURE: The California Emergency Protective Order, Form EPO-001, and California Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order, Form EPO-002, have been revised. The updated forms are attached.

FORM AVAILABILITY: The California Emergency Protective Order, Form EPO-001, and the California Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order, Form EPO-002, are attached for immediate use. They are also available in E-Forms on the Department’s Local Area Network (LAN). All other versions of these forms are now obsolete and shall be disposed of in the Area/divisional recycling bin.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY. The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



JIM McDONNELL
Chief of Police

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION “D”

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER (See reverse for important notices.)

1. PROTECTED PERSONS (name and gender (M, F, X) of all people protected by this order)

2. RESTRAINED PERSON

Name:

Gender: [] M [] F [] X Race:

Age: Date of birth:

Ht.: Wt.: Hair color: Eye color:

3. TO THE RESTRAINED PERSON:

- a. YOU MUST NOT harass, attack, strike, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), hit, follow, stalk, molest, destroy personal property of, keep under surveillance, impersonate, block movements of, annoy by phone or other electronic means (including repeatedly contact), or disturb the peace of (including coercive control), any person named in item 1.
b. YOU MUST NOT contact, either directly or indirectly, by any means, including but not limited to by telephone, mail, email or other electronic means, any person named in item 1.
c. YOU MUST [] stay away at least: yards from each person named in item 1. YOU MUST [] stay away at least: yards [] move out immediately from (address):
d. YOU MUST NOT take any action, directly or through others, to obtain the addresses or locations of any person named in item 1.
e. YOU MUST NOT own, possess, purchase, receive, or attempt to purchase or receive any firearm (guns), firearm parts (receiver, frame or item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame), or ammunition. You must immediately surrender these items if asked by law enforcement. If not asked by law enforcement to surrender immediately, you must turn them in to a law enforcement agency or sell them to, or store them with, a licensed gun dealer within 24 hours of receiving this order.
f. YOU MUST NOT own, possess, or buy body armor. You must relinquish any body armor that you have in your possession.

4. (Name): is given temporary care and control of the following minor children of the parties (names and ages):

5. Order Expires on (date): at (time): EXPIRES ON THE 5TH COURT DAY OR 7TH CALENDAR DAY, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. DO NOT COUNT THE DAY THE ORDER IS GRANTED.

6. To Person in 1: To ask for a longer restraining order, ask for help at your local court. If there is an open juvenile case, file in that case. (Name and address of court):

7. Reasonable grounds for the issuance of this Order exist, and an emergency protective order is necessary to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of domestic violence, child abuse, child abduction, elder or dependent adult abuse, or stalking.

8. Judicial officer (name): granted this Order on (date): at (time):

9. APPLICATION The events that caused the protected person to fear immediate and present danger of domestic violence, child abuse, child abduction, elder or dependent adult abuse (except solely financial abuse), or stalking are (give facts and dates; specify weapons):

10. [] Firearms or ammunition were (check all that apply): [] observed [] reported [] physically searched for [] seized.

11. [] The persons in 1 and 2 live together. The person in 1 asks that the person in 2 immediately move out from the address in 3c.

12. [] The person in 1 has minor children in common with the person in 2, and a temporary custody order is requested because of the facts alleged in item 9. A custody order [] does exist [] does not exist.

By: (PRINT NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) (SIGNATURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER)

Agency: Telephone No.: Badge No.:

13. PROOF OF SERVICE I personally delivered (served) copies of this Order to the person in 2 on: (date): at (time): Address where person in 2 was served:

14. At the time of service, I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this cause. [] I am a California law enforcement officer. My address, and telephone number are (this does not have to be server's home telephone number or address):

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

Date: (TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF SERVER) (SIGNATURE OF SERVER)

EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER WARNINGS AND INFORMATION

EPO-001

To the restrained person: You must follow this order until it expires (see item 5). If you have firearms, firearm parts, or ammunition, follow the orders in item 3e. After you have turned in or sold your items, you must file a receipt with the court that proves that all items listed in 3e have been turned in or sold. You may use form [DV-800, Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, and Ammunition](#). You must also relinquish any body armor you own or have (see Penal Code section 16288 for definition of body armor). If you violate the order, you can be arrested, charged with a crime, and/or fined. If you are served with another restraining order, you must follow the order. You may want advice from a lawyer. If you were served with more court papers, contact one as soon as possible. Free help may be available at your court's local self-help center. To find your local self-help center, go to www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/find.

A la persona restringida: Tiene que cumplir con esta orden hasta su fecha de vencimiento (vea el punto 5). Si tiene armas de fuego, componentes de armas de fuego, o municiones, cumpla con las órdenes del punto 3e. Después de haber entregado o vendido todos estos artículos, tiene que presentar un recibo a la corte comprobando que todos los artículos indicados en el punto 3e han sido entregados o vendidos. Puede usar el formulario [DV-800, Recibo por armas de fuego, componentes de armas de fuego y municiones](#). También tiene que entregar o vender todo blindaje personal en su posesión o del cual usted es dueño (vea la definición de blindaje personal en la sección 16288 del Código Penal). Si contraviene la orden, puede ser arrestado, acusado de un delito, y/o multado. Si recibe por entrega legal otra orden de restricción, tiene que cumplir con esa orden. Es posible que quiera los consejos de un abogado. Si recibió por entrega legal más documentos de la corte, contáctese con un abogado lo más pronto posible. Es posible que el centro de ayuda de su corte local ofrezca un servicio de ayuda gratuita. Puede localizar su centro de ayuda local en <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es/self-help/find-self-help>

To the protected person: This order will expire on the the date and time listed in item 5. If you want a longer restraining order to protect you or your children from abuse, you will have to ask for one from your local court. Start the process as soon as you can. The paperwork can take a few hours to complete. There is no court fee and you do not need a lawyer to ask for one, but the process can be hard to get through on your own. If you want advice from a lawyer, contact one as soon as possible. Free help may be available at your local court's self-help center. To find your local self-help center, go to www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/find. You can also ask for child custody orders to stop child abuse or abduction. Note that if there is a juvenile dependency case for your child, ask for orders to protect your child in that case.

A la persona protegida: Esta orden vence en la fecha y la hora indicadas en el punto 5. Si desea una orden de más larga duración para protegerse a sí mismo o a sus hijos del maltrato, tendrá que solicitarla de su corte local. Comience el proceso lo más antes posible. Los formularios pueden tomar algunas horas para llenar. No hay cuota de presentación y no necesita un abogado para presentar su solicitud, pero el proceso puede ser difícil de navegar sin ayuda. Si desea consejos de un abogado, contáctese con uno lo más pronto posible. Es posible que el centro de ayuda de su corte local ofrezca un servicio de ayuda gratuita. Puede localizar su centro de ayuda local en <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/es/self-help/find-self-help>. También puede solicitar órdenes de custodia de los hijos para impedir el maltrato o el secuestro. Nótese que si hay un caso de dependencia de menores para su hijo, solicite órdenes para proteger a su hijo en ese caso.

To Law Enforcement: This order must be served on the restrained person by the officer, if the restrained person can be found. A copy must be given to the protected person. A copy must be filed with the court as soon as practicable. Also, the officer must have the order entered into CLETS (CARPOS).

A las agencias del orden público: El agente tiene que hacer la entrega legal de esta orden a la persona restringida, si esta puede ser localizada. Hay que darle una copia a la persona protegida. Hay que presentar una copia a la corte tan pronto sea posible. También, el agente tiene que hacer que la orden se ingrese al sistema CLETS (CARPOS).

This emergency protective order is effective when made and must be enforced by all law enforcement officers in the State of California who are aware of or shown a copy of this order. The terms and conditions of this order are enforceable regardless of the acts of the parties; the order may be changed only by the court (Penal Code section 13710(b)). A law enforcement officer shall use every reasonable means to enforce this order. An officer acting in good faith to enforce the order will not be held liable. The provisions of this emergency protective order take precedence in enforcement over provisions of other existing protective orders between the same protected and restrained persons if the provisions of this order are more restrictive. The provisions in another existing protective order remain in effect and take precedence if they are more restrictive than the provisions in this emergency protective order. The availability of an emergency protective order must not be affected by the fact that the endangered person has vacated the household to avoid abuse.

Esta orden de protección de emergencia entra en vigencia al emitirse y tiene que hacerse cumplir por todos los agentes de orden público del estado de California que tengan conocimiento de, o a quienes se les muestre una copia de esta orden. Los términos y condiciones de esta orden pueden hacerse cumplir a pesar de las acciones de las partes; la orden solo puede ser modificada por la corte (Código Penal, sección 13710(b)). Un agente del orden público tiene que usar todo recurso razonable para hacer cumplir esta orden. Un agente que actúe de buena fe para hacer cumplir esta orden quedará exento de toda responsabilidad civil o penal. Las disposiciones de la presente orden de protección de emergencia tendrán prioridad sobre las disposiciones de otras órdenes de protección existentes entre las mismas partes si las disposiciones de la presente orden son más restrictivas. Las disposiciones de otras órdenes se mantienen en vigencia y tendrán prioridad si son más restrictivas que las disposiciones de la presente orden de protección de emergencia. La disponibilidad de una orden de protección de emergencia no será afectada por el hecho de que la persona en peligro haya desocupado el hogar para evitar el maltrato.

EPO-002 GUN VIOLENCE EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER

LAW ENFORCEMENT CASE NUMBER:

1. **RESTRAINED PERSON** (*insert name*): _____
Address: _____

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Gender: M F Nonbinary Ht.: _____ Wt.: _____ Hair color: _____
Eye color: _____ Race: _____ Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

2. TO THE RESTRAINED PERSON

(Also see important Warnings and Information on page 2):

You are required to surrender all firearms, ammunition, and magazines that you own or possess in accordance with section 18120 of the Penal Code and you may not have in your custody or control, own, purchase, possess, or receive, or attempt to purchase or receive, any firearm, ammunition, or magazine while this order is in effect. However a more permanent gun violence restraining order may be obtained from the court. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with the order. The attorney should be consulted promptly so that the attorney may assist you in any matter connected with the order.

If you have any firearms (guns), firearm parts (receivers, frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame), ammunition, or magazines, you MUST IMMEDIATELY SURRENDER (GIVE) THEM if asked by a police officer. If a police officer does not ask you to surrender the items, within 24 hours of getting this order, you must take them to a police station or a licensed gun dealer to sell or store them and must file a receipt with the court proving that this has been done. You have 48 hours to file a receipt with the court shown to the right. **If you do not file a receipt within 48 hours you have violated this order and can go to jail.**

You cannot own, possess, or buy body armor (defined in Penal Code section 16288). You must relinquish any body armor you have in your possession.

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of _____

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number: _____

3. **This order will last until:** _____ **Time** _____
INSERT DATE OF 21st CALENDAR DAY (DO NOT COUNT DAY THE ORDER IS GRANTED)

4. **Court Hearing** A court hearing will be set within 21 days.

A court hearing will take place at the court above on: Date: _____ Time/Dept: _____

You must attend the court hearing if you do not want this restraining order against you. You may attend the hearing remotely (check your court's website for instructions). At the hearing, the judge can make this order last for up to five years.

5. Reasonable grounds for the issuance of this order exist, and a Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order (1) is necessary because the Restrained Person poses an immediate danger of causing personal injury to themselves or to another by having custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving any firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines; **and** (2) less restrictive alternatives were ineffective or have been determined to be inadequate or inappropriate under the circumstances.

6. Judicial officer (*name*): _____ granted this order on (*date*): _____ at (*time*): _____

APPLICATION

7. Officer has a reasonable cause to believe that the grounds set forth in item 5, above, exist (*state supporting facts and dates; specify weapons—number, type and location*):

8. Firearms (including parts) were observed reported physically searched for seized.
 Ammunition (including magazines) was observed reported physically searched for seized.

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

By: _____
(PRINT NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER)

(SIGNATURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER)

Agency: _____ Telephone No: _____ Badge No: _____

Address: _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

9. I personally delivered copies of this Order to the restrained person named in item 1.

Date of service: _____ Time of service: _____ Address: _____

10. At the time of service, I was at least 18 years of age.

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

Date: _____
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF SERVER/LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) (SIGNATURE OF SERVER)

GUN VIOLENCE EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER WARNINGS AND INFORMATION

EPO-002

TO THE RESTRAINED PERSON: You are prohibited from owning, possessing, purchasing, receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive a firearm (gun), a firearm part (a receiver, frame, or any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame), ammunition, or a magazine. (Pen. Code, §§ 16531 & 18125 et seq.) A violation of this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine or imprisonment for six months or both. (Pen. Code, §§ 19 & 18205.)

Within 24 hours of receipt of this order, you must turn in all items listed above to a law enforcement agency or sell them to or store them with a licensed firearms dealer until the expiration of this order. (Pen. Code, § 18125 et seq.) A receipt proving surrender, sale, or storage must be filed with the court within 48 hours of receipt of this order, or on the next court business day if the 48-hour period ends on a day when the court is closed. You must also file the receipt with the law enforcement agency that served you with this Order. You may use form GV-800, *Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, Ammunition, and Magazines*.

You cannot own, possess, or buy body armor (defined in Penal Code section 16288). You must relinquish any body armor you have in your possession.

This Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order is effective when made. It will last until the date and time in item 3 on the front. The court will hold a hearing within 21 days to determine if a longer-term order should be issued. If the date and time are not stated in item 4 on the front, you will get a notice with the date and time of the hearing in the mail at the residential address listed on page 1 of this form. If you would like to respond to this order in writing you must use form GV-020, *Response to Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order*. A longer-term restraining order may be requested from the court.

If you violate this order, you will also be prohibited from having in your custody or control, owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive, a firearm (gun), firearm part (a receiver, frame, or any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame), ammunition, or magazine for an additional five-year period, to begin on the expiration of the existing gun violence restraining order. (Pen. Code, §§ 16531 & 18205.)

This protective order must be enforced by all law enforcement officers in the state of California who are aware of it or shown a copy of it. The terms and conditions of this order remain enforceable regardless of the acts or any agreement of the parties; it may be changed only by order of the court.

A LA PERSONA RESTRINGIDA: Tiene prohibido ser dueño de, o poseer, comprar, recibir, o tratar de comprar o recibir un arma de fuego, un componente de armas de fuego (un receptor o armadura, o cualquier artículo que puede ser usado como receptor o armadura o fácilmente convertido en receptor o armadura), municiones o cargadores. (Cód. Penal, §§ 16531 & 18125 y siguientes). Una violación de esta orden es un delito menor que está sujeta a una multa de \$1000 o encarcelamiento de seis meses o ambos. (Cód. Penal, §§ 19 & 18205.)

Dentro de las 24 horas de recibir esta orden, tiene que entregar todos los artículos indicados arriba a una agencia del orden público o venderlos a un comerciante de armas autorizado, o almacenarlos con el mismo hasta el vencimiento de esta orden. (Cód. Penal, § 18125 y siguientes). Se tiene que presentar a la corte una prueba de haberlos entregado, vendido, o almacenado dentro de las 48 horas de recibir esta orden, o el próximo día hábil, si el periodo de 48 horas termina un día en que está cerrada la corte. También tiene que presentar el recibo a la agencia del orden público que le entregó esta Orden. Se puede usar el formulario GV-800, *Recibo por armas de fuego, componentes de armas de fuego, municiones, y cargadores*.

Se le prohíbe ser dueño de, poseer, o comprar blindaje personal (de acuerdo con la definición en la sección 16288 del Código Penal). Tiene que entregar todo blindaje personal que tenga en su posesión.

Esta orden de protección de emergencia de armas de fuego entra en vigencia en el momento en que se emite. Durará hasta la fecha y hora indicadas en el punto 3 de la primera página. Se realizará una audiencia dentro de 21 días para determinar si es necesario emitir una orden que dure por más tiempo. Si la fecha y la hora no se indican en el punto 4 de la primera página, recibirá un aviso con la fecha y la hora de la audiencia por correo a la dirección residencial indicada en la primera página. Si desea responder a esta orden por escrito, tiene que usar el formulario GV-020, *Respuesta a la orden de protección de emergencia de armas de fuego*. Se puede solicitar a la corte una orden de restricción a más largo plazo.

Si contraviene esta orden de restricción, se le prohibirá tener en su posesión o control, comprar, poseer o recibir, o tratar de comprar o recibir un arma de fuego, un componente de armas de fuego (un receptor o armadura, o cualquier artículo que puede ser usado como receptor o armadura o fácilmente convertido en receptor o armadura), municiones o cargadores por otro periodo de cinco años más, comenzando a partir del vencimiento de la orden de restricción de armas de fuego existente. (Cód. Penal, §§ 16531 & 18205.)

Todo agente del orden público del estado de California que tenga conocimiento de la orden o a quien se le muestre una copia de la misma tiene que hacer cumplir esta orden de protección. Los términos y condiciones de esta orden se podrán hacer cumplir independientemente de las acciones de las partes; solo la corte podrá cambiar esta orden.

To law enforcement: The Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order must be served on the restrained person by the officer if the restrained person can reasonably be located. Ask the restrained person if he or she has any firearms, firearm parts, ammunition, or magazines in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control. A copy must be filed with the court as soon as practicable, but not later than three court days, after issuance, so a hearing can be set, if one was not already scheduled. If the court did not give you a hearing date when issuing the order (to put in item 4 on the front), the court will set a hearing within 21 days and will provide you with notice of the hearing. Also, the officer must have the order entered into the computer database system for protective and restraining orders maintained by the Department of Justice.

The provisions in this temporary Gun Violence Emergency Protective Order do not affect those of any other protective or restraining order in effect, including a criminal protective order. The provisions in another existing protective order remain in effect.