

What is an ERPO?

An ERPO is a civil court order which requires a person to temporarily relinquish their firearms and prevents them from purchasing more for the duration of the order. ERPOs are issued when the person poses a serious risk to themselves or others.



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**Research shows
ERPOs save lives.”**

*Attorney General
Phil Weiser*



One person is killed by a gun every 10 hours in Colorado.



The risk of death by suicide triples in homes with guns.



A domestic violence victim is five times more likely to be killed when their abuser has access to a gun.



CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE?

Extreme Risk Protection Orders or ERPOs legally temporarily prevent someone from accessing firearms for up to a year.



ERPO Resources

Learn more about ERPOs, how and when to file one, and why they are so important to helping Colorado communities.



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ERPO 24/7 Hotline

855-999-3776 (ERPO)

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text the **Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 988 or call 911** for emergency assistance.



How does an ERPO work?

1. Law enforcement, family and household members, medical and mental health care professionals, and educators can file for an ERPO in a local district court.
2. A judge reviews the petition within 24 hours and chooses whether to issue an emergency ERPO that lasts up to 2 weeks.
3. If a temporary ERPO is issued, the judge holds another hearing with all parties to determine if the ERPO should be extended for up to a year.

Call 855-999-3776 (ERPO) 24/7 to speak with someone who can give you information about how to file for an ERPO.

ERPOs save lives

ERPOs can help prevent:

- **Domestic violence**
- **Suicide**
- **Mass shootings**

When a person is in crisis and has direct access to a firearm, it can take mere seconds for a risky situation to turn deadly.

ERPOs provide an immediate step toward safety.