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# ERPO

## Extreme Risk Protection Orders

When an individual poses a threat to themselves or others and has access to a firearm, an Extreme Risk Protection Order, or ERPO, can help. It's a safe, legal measure that can save lives.

### WHAT IS AN ERPO?

Commonly known as "**red flag laws**," these orders are designed to prevent gun violence and suicides by **temporarily** restricting an individual's access to firearms, or restricting their ability to purchase new ones, during a time of crisis when they may pose a safety risk to themselves or others.

#### THERE ARE TWO TYPES:

### TERPO

A **Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order (TERPO)** can be filed if there is an immediate risk and will last for up to 14 days.

### ERPO

An **Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)** is issued after a full hearing and can extend firearm restrictions for up to 364 days.



**ERPOs are preventative; they are not punitive measures, but are designed to reduce harm during a period of crisis. ERPOs do not appear on a respondent's criminal record.**

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