



**GUN VIOLENCE
RESTRAINING
ORDER ACT
#GVRO**

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CALIFORNIA'S GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

Preventing Predictable Gun Tragedies

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- Established after Parkland Shooting
- Goal: End Preventable Gun Deaths, Injuries & Proliferation of Firearms
- Local, Grassroots Volunteer Group

Presentation Goals

Increase your knowledge of ...

- **Why Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs) are Important**
- **How GVROs Work**
- **What You Can Do**
- **Local and National GVRO Resources (including Handout)**

Gun Violence a National Public Health Crisis



- Nearly 40,000 U.S gun deaths annually¹
 - 60% Suicide Deaths, 37% Homicides¹
 - Guns in home:²
 - 11 times more often used in suicide
 - 7 times more in assault & homicide
 - 4 times more in accidental shooting
- Than in self-defense against home intruder

California's Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO)

- **Enables Law Enforcement & Family/Household Members to prevent people in crisis:³**
 - From harming self or others
 - By temporarily removing guns & ammunition
 - Prohibiting purchase of firearms & ammunition
- **Civil (Not Criminal) Order**

Origin of California's GVRO Law (2016)



Deadly Rampage in Isla Vista Near UC Santa Barbara

- 7 Dead, 14 Injured
- May 23, 2014

Why GVROs are Important: Prevent Suicides



- Older white men, veterans, teens at higher risk^{4,5}
- Suicides Often Impulsive
 - 48% Attempters spent 10 Minutes or Less on Decision⁶
- Gun Suicide Attempts Highly Lethal⁴

85%

Gun Attempts End in Death

5%

Non-gun Attempts Fatal

93%

Survivors Will Not Die by Suicide

Prevent Mass Shootings at Schools and Other Community Settings



- Almost 80% of Mass Shooters displayed warning signs⁷
- Shooters' families report histories of threatening behaviors
- School shootings take a toll on children's mental health

Prevent Unintentional Shootings



- **Accidental Shootings by Children**
 - 134 incidents in 6 months (2019)⁸
- **Example: 10 year-old Shooting Death in Scripps Ranch**
- **Only 30% Gunowners with Children: Store Guns in the safest manner, Unloaded and Locked⁹**

Provide Safe Paths to Treatment



Connecticut's Extreme Risk Law 1999-2013¹⁰

- 99% Extreme Risk Orders removed 1 gun;
Average: 7
- 44% Restrained individuals obtained
mental health treatment
- One Suicide prevented for 10-11 orders

California's 3 GVROs: How They Work¹¹

1. Emergency GVRO

Petitioner: Law Enforcement Officer

Timing: Judge orders immediately

Action: Law Enforcement removes firearms & ammunition

Valid: 21 days

California's 3 GVROs

2. Temporary GVRO

<i>Petitioner:</i>	Law Enforcement, Family or Household Members September 2020: Adds Employers, Co-Workers, Teachers, School Staff and Administrators
<i>Timing:</i>	Granted within 24 hours
<i>Action:</i>	Guns & ammunition relinquished to Law Enforcement or Gun Dealer
<i>Valid:</i>	Up to 21 days

California's 3 GVROs

3. GVRO After Notice and Hearing

Petitioner: Law Enforcement, Family /Household Members

Timing: Within 21 Days of #1 Emergency or #2 Temporary GVRO

Evidence: Violent threats or acts
(examples) Felony arrests, violent offense convictions
Reckless use of firearm
Abuses of alcohol or controlled substances

Valid: 1 Year & 1-5 Years starting September 2020; Renewable;
Firearms returned after order expires

GVROs Preventing Predictable Tragedies in San Diego County

Examples

- A man made a suicide threat to his fiancé and later assaulted his father for refusing to hand over his firearms
- A car dealership employee praised Las Vegas mass shooter and fantasized to co-workers about shooting up a mosque
- A homeowner who lived near an elementary school shot a city employee on a crew fixing a water leak

Strong Support for Extreme Risk/GVRO Laws¹⁰



Laws Supported by

- California Law Enforcement
- 75% of Gun Owners
- 90% of Non-Gun Owners



What a GVRO Cannot Do

- **A GVRO will NOT order the restrained person to:**
 - Stop contact with you, family members or others who live with you
 - Move out of your house
- **Information about other CA restraining orders**
courts.ca.gov/1260.htm
 - Domestic Violence
 - Civil Harassment
 - Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse
 - Workplace Violence



Take Action!

- Spread the word about Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRROs) to family, friends, co-workers and others who may work with distressed individuals
- Ask family, friends and others who seem troubled: “Is there a gun in your home?”
- Request a GVRRO to temporarily remove guns from a crisis situation and keep your loved ones and others safe

“You can always give a gun back. You can’t give a life back.”

Amanda Wilcox, Brady Campaign

Resources



- Emergency & Suicide Prevention
- San Diego City & County Police Stations
- GVRO Petitioner Packet
- Superior Courts & Self-Help Centers
- San Diego Family Justice Center
- Local, State & National Organizations Educating Public about GVROs

GVRO Handout also posted on NeverAgainCA.org website providing direct links to all resources

Questions?



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