

WHEN TO CONSIDER AN ERPO

- Recent threats or acts of violence toward self / threats of suicide
- Recent threats or acts of violence toward another person or group
- Pattern of behavior suggesting an immediate danger to self or others
- Dangerous use or display of firearms
- Past threats or use of physical force, or history of stalking
- Protection Order or No Contact Orders violations
- Prior or active ERPOs, including any violations
- Criminal convictions of domestic violence or hate crimes
- Evidence of the abuse of controlled substances or alcohol
- Owns, plans to buy, or recently bought a firearm with any of these risks present

KING COUNTY RESOURCES

Crisis Care
Available 24/7

Emergency Services

Call 911

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Call, text, or chat 988

Confidential, free support

Regional Crisis Line

Call 206-461-3222

Mobile Crisis Teams

Next day appointments

Regardless of insurance or income

Crisis Care Center

Connections Kirkland

Call 425-650-4005

Walk-in mental health urgent care,
stabilization units, and post-
acute services

EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS (ERPO)

BE AWARE OF WARNING SIGNS:
HELP PREVENT A FIREARM
TRAGEDY



Provided in collaboration with the King County
Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Seattle City
Attorney's Office.

WHAT DOES AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER DO?



Temporarily prohibits someone at high risk of harming themselves or others from owning, purchasing, possessing, or accessing firearms and Concealed Pistol Licenses.



A judicial officer will review the petition to see if the situation meets the legal standard for an ERPO.



If granted, the person must immediately give their firearms and CPL(s) to law enforcement to hold while order is in effect.



The person cannot own, possess, purchase, or access firearms and CPLs for one year.



The court may order a behavioral health evaluation.



If risks remain, the petitioner can request a renewal. The restrained person will be notified of the renewal request and can attend the hearing.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR AN ERPO?

FAMILY, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, & INTIMATE PARTNERS

- Current or former spouse / domestic partner
- Parents of a child in common
- Current/former dating relationship
- Parent or child
- Stepparent or stepchild
- Grandparent or grandchild
- Parent's intimate partner or child
- Current or former cohabitants as roommates
- Person who is or has been legal guardian
- Related by blood or marriage

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Law Enforcement Officer
- Law Enforcement Agency

AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER DOES NOT:



Stop the person from contacting you, coming to your home, or other personal restraints



Filing an ERPO does not initiate criminal charges. However, the underlying behavior may prompt investigation.

WHERE TO FILE A PETITION

- Contact your local court
- Court clerks can provide forms
- Statewide forms are found here:
<https://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/>

CONTACT AN ADVOCATE FOR HELP WITH:

- Learning more about ERPOs
- ERPO form assistance and court support
- Safety planning and community referrals



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