

**Superior Court of California
County of Orange**

Information Sheet

HOW TO SAFELY TURN IN YOUR PROHIBITED WEAPONS

How to Safely Store, Sell, or Turn In Your Firearms, Firearm Parts, and Ammunition

Instructions: If you have a restraining order against you, you cannot have certain items, like firearms, certain firearm parts, and ammunition. These items are prohibited while the restraining order is in effect. Follow the instructions below to comply with the court's order.

Step 1: Decide whether you want to store, turn in, or sell your items.

- **Store:** You can store firearms with a licensed gun dealer or law enforcement.
- **Turn in:** If you do not want your firearm or ammunition returned, you can give your firearm to law enforcement for them to destroy.
- **Sell:** You can only sell your firearms to a licensed gun dealer.

***Do not** bring your firearm to court.

Know your deadline: You have 24 hours from the time you were served (given) a copy of the restraining order, or from when you were in court when the judge made the order to store, turn in, or sell your prohibited items. Make sure you finish step 1 by the deadline.

Step 2: Choose a licensed gun dealer or law enforcement agency (see page 3). For gun dealers, please visit the website shown to find one in your area. Then contact the dealer or the law enforcement agency before you bring in your prohibited items. They may give you special instructions on how to bring in your items.

Step 3: Bring prohibited items to a licensed gun dealer or law enforcement and get a receipt.

Safety instructions for firearms:

- Make sure your firearm is unloaded.
- Put the unloaded firearm in the trunk of your car and lock the trunk. If you do not have a trunk, lock the firearm in a container and put it in the back of the car where it is out of reach. Do NOT put the firearm in your glove compartment (glove box).
- If you are bringing to a law enforcement agency, call the office before going in. If you do not have a phone, leave the firearm in your car and go into the office to tell them why you are there.

You must have a receipt to prove to the court that you complied with the restraining order. You can bring form [DV-800/JV-270](#), *Receipt for Firearms, Firearm Parts, and Ammunition*, with you and have the dealer or law enforcement staff complete and sign the form.

Step 4: Make a copy of the completed DV-800/JV-270 form. Bring the original and copy to the court to file.

Know your deadline: You have 48 hours from the time you were served (given) a copy of the restraining order, or from when you were in court when the judge made the order, to file a receipt with the court. If you want to file your receipt electronically, go to the court's website for more information on how to file electronically.

Common questions and answers

What if a law enforcement officer asks for my firearm, firearm parts, or ammunition?

You must obey the officer's request under California Law (Family Code section 6389). If you decide that you want to sell a firearm that law enforcement has, you can sell it to a licensed gun dealer. After the sale, the dealer can get your firearm from the law enforcement agency with a bill of sale. You are allowed to do this one time.

If I store my firearms, will I have to pay a fee?

It depends. Some law enforcement agencies will charge a fee. Licensed gun dealers probably charge fees. Call the agency or dealer to find out.

Can I give my prohibited items to a friend or family?

No. You can only give these items to law enforcement or a licensed gun dealer. You cannot give them to anyone else.

What if I have an antique firearm?

You must turn in, sell, or store any antique firearms that you have. Antique firearms are considered a prohibited item if you have a restraining order against you.

Can I get an extension to comply with the relinquishment order?

No. The court cannot grant an extension. You must comply with the orders to turn in, sell, or store all prohibited items.

What if I need a firearm for my work?

The judge can grant you an exception but this must be done by court order. This means you cannot have any firearms until the judge gives you special permission, or your restraining order expires. For more information on how to qualify

for the exception, talk with a lawyer or your local self-help center for free information.

Can I get my items back after the restraining order ends.

Yes, only if you are legally allowed to have the firearm. First, the Department of Justice must give you permission. For more information, go to oag.ca.gov/firearms/lerinfo.

What happens if I don't comply?

You could be arrested, jailed, or charged with state or federal crimes.

Where can I find help?

Free legal help is available at your court's self-help center. Find your local court's self-help center at www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/find. Self-help center staff will not act as your lawyer but may be able to give you information to help you decide what to do in your case. You can also hire a lawyer to help you with your case.

Orange County Police Departments

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers

Anaheim Police Dept	714-765-1997
Brea Police Dept	714-990-7911
Buena Park Police Dept	714-562-3902
Costa Mesa Police Dept	714-754-5255
Cypress Police Dept	562-594-7232
Fountain Valley Police Dept	714-593-4485
Fullerton Police Dept	714-738-6716
Garden Grove Police Dept	714-741-5704
Huntington Beach Police Dept	714-960-8843
Irvine Police Dept	949-724-7000
Laguna Beach Police Dept	949-497-0701
La Habra Police Dept	562-383-4300
La Palma Police Dept	714-690-3370
Los Alamitos Police Dept	562-594-7232
Newport Beach Police Dept	949-644-3681
Orange Police Dept	714-744-7444
Orange County Sheriff's Dept	714-647-7000
Placentia Police Dept	714-993-8164
Santa Ana Police Dept	714-245-8049
Seal Beach Police Dept	562-594-72322
Tustin Police Dept	714-573-3200
Westminster Police Dept	714-898-3315

Do not call 911.
*Call your local police department or
the Orange County Sheriff's Office.*

Storage Option

Federal Firearms Licensed dealers, visit:

<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/listing-federal-firearms-licensees>