

Protection Orders

Remove the Risk



Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO/Red Flag Laws) Save Lives*

In 2017, 39,773 people died from gun violence. 60% were suicides. And from 2006-2014, 6,875 people were fatally shot by an intimate partner.

FBI and State Analysis – The Trace

Assess the Risk Remove the Gun

A Law That Can Save Lives

- In 2018, MA passed an Extreme Risk Protection Order.*
- That law, through a court process, allows for the removal of a gun or guns from any person deemed by the court to be a risk to others or to themselves.
- The petition can be filed through a district court or, in an emergency, a local police department.
- These laws are lowering suicide rates, reducing domestic abuse deaths, and helping to identify mass shooting possibilities.

What you need to know over



Knowing Your Resources

Who Can File an ERPO?

- A family or household member or the police department can file a petition. The filing must be in the city or town where the person who the claim is being filed against resides.
- If you are not a family member, you can still alert the police to suspicious or reckless behavior with firearms.
- If not filing with the police, you need to file with your District Court.
- In an emergency, the police are the best option.

Resources:

Here you will find all you need to know about who can request an order, how to request an order, and the process involved.

- www.mass.gov/extreme-risk-protection-orders
- maerpo.org (*Going live in summer 2020.*)
- **National Domestic Abuse Hotline**
1-800-799-7233
- **Independence House Hotline**
1-800-439-6507

Saving Lives Across the Country

Extreme Risk Protection Orders are saving lives across the country and allowing people the time they need to seek help and go on to live productive lives.

*MA General Laws c. 140 § § 131R-131Y