

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

INFORMATION - How To Safely Turn in Firearms, Firearm Parts, and Ammunition

If the court issues a restraining order against you, you cannot have firearms, firearm parts (any receiver, frame or unfinished receiver frame), and ammunition while the order is in place. You have 24 hours from the time you received the restraining or protective order to turn in or sell your firearms, firearm parts or ammunition and 48 hours to provide proof that you no longer have any firearms, firearm parts or ammunition. This is called “relinquishment.” You cannot give your firearm, firearm parts, or ammunition to a friend, family member, or anyone else. If you do not relinquish these items, you can be charged with a crime for violating the restraining order; and there may be other consequences. The DV-800-INFO court form has information on this topic, including answers to the following questions:

1 What is a firearm / firearm part(s)?

A firearm and firearm part(s) are:

- Handgun
- Rifle
- Any receiver
- Shotgun
- Assault Weapon
- Frame or unfinished receiver frame



2 If you own or have a firearm, you must:

- Turn it in to local law enforcement, *or*
- Sell it to, or store it with, a licensed gun dealer.

3 How do I sell my firearm?

Find a licensed gun dealer in your area.

Look under “Firearms Dealer” in your local Yellow Pages or on the Internet. Make sure the dealer is licensed.

If you choose to turn in your firearm and ammunition to a law enforcement agency, follow these steps:

1. Call the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department or your local police department. Tell them you have a restraining order, which requires that you turn in your firearm(s), firearm parts (any receiver, frame or unfinished receiver frame), and ammunition.

To determine the location of your nearest police station or Sheriff’s department, you can visit <https://lasd.org/stations/>.

Enter your address at the bottom of the screen and click “FIND MY STATION” to locate your nearest station to call.

2. The law enforcement agency will explain where and how to turn in your firearm(s), firearm parts (any receiver, frame or unfinished receiver frame), and ammunition. Follow their instructions carefully.

3. Law enforcement may ask for:
 - a description of you and your car,
 - your ID, and
 - A copy of your court order requiring relinquishment

4. Follow these safety instructions:
 - Your firearm(s) must be unloaded. If you do not know how to unload the firearm(s) safely, **inform your local law enforcement prior to relinquishing your firearm.**
 - If possible, place a flex tie or other obstruction to lock the chamber on a revolver or the slide on a semi-automatic weapon.
 - Place the firearm in your trunk and lock your trunk. If you do not have a trunk, place your firearm in a locked container and put it in the back of your vehicle out of arm's reach. A "locked container" does NOT include the glove compartment of a motor vehicle. (California Penal Code § 16850). Ammunition should be placed in a separate box or ammunition can.
 - Drive straight to the law enforcement agency. Do not stop anywhere else.
 - On your arrival, park your car and call the agency for further instructions. If you are unable to call, leave the firearm(s), firearm parts, and ammunition in your car and enter the station to ask for instructions. Make sure that your car is locked.

5. Do not bring any firearms into the building. Leave all firearms in their locked containers inside your vehicle until given further instructions by the law enforcement officers.

6. You will receive a receipt for documentation. You must file form CH/DV/EA/GV/SV-800 within 48 hours of the issue date of the order.

7. A local law enforcement agency may charge you a fee for the storage of a firearm or ammunition (California Family Code § 6389(e)).

8. If you decide to sell your firearm instead of turning it into law enforcement, you must use a licensed gun dealer as defined under California Penal Code § 26700 and file proof of the sale with the court within 48 hours of issuance of the restraining order.

YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY: You have 24 hours to relinquish your firearm(s), firearm parts, and ammunition.

This deadline applies during weekends and holidays. The Sheriff's office and police departments are available 24 hours, every day of the week.

FILE YOUR PROOF OF RELINQUISHMENT: You must file your proof of compliance with the court within 48 hours of relinquishment. You may use the CH/DV/EA/GV/SV-800 form for this purpose or file the documents provided by the law enforcement agency.