

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA



HOW TO TURN IN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

If you are the restrained party in a restraining order or protective order, you are prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying firearms and ammunition. You must turn in (“relinquish”) your firearms and ammunition within **24 hours**, so read the following information carefully. You may choose to: (1) Store with or sell your firearm and ammunition to a **federally licensed gun dealer**; or, (2) Turn in your firearm and ammunition to a law enforcement agency.

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

- Call the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department or your local police department. Their contact information is provided in the box to the right. When you call, tell the agency that you have a restraining order and that you need to turn in your firearm and ammunition. Call **before** going to the agency.
- Follow any instructions provided by the agency regarding location and timing.
- The agency will probably need a description of you and your car, your ID, and a copy of your court order.
- Be sure to have the law enforcement officer complete and sign your proof of relinquishment. You may use the DV-800 form or the agency may provide you with documentation.

Do not call 911. Call the non-emergency phone numbers below:

Contra Costa Sheriff's Office	(925) 646-2441
Antioch	(925) 778-2441
Brentwood	(925) 809-7911
Clayton	(925) 603-5993
Concord	(925) 671-3333
Town of Danville	(925) 820-2144
El Cerrito	(510) 215-4400
Hercules	(510) 724-1111
Lafayette	(925) 284-5010
Martinez	(925) 372-3440
Town of Moraga	(925) 284-5010
Oakley	(925) 625-8060
Orinda	(925) 646-2441
Pinole	(510) 724-1111
Pittsburg	(925) 646-2441
Pleasant Hill	(925) 288-4600
Richmond	(510) 233-1214
San Pablo	(510) 724-1111
San Ramon	(925) 838-6694
Walnut Creek	(925) 935-6400

If you are instructed to go to your local police department, please follow these safety instructions, as well as any additional instructions from the agency.

- Your firearm(s) must be **unloaded**.
- Place your firearm(s) in your **locked trunk**. If you do not have a trunk, lock your firearm in a container and place it in the back of your vehicle, out of reach.
- **Do not** put the firearm in your glove compartment.
- Drive straight to the agency. Do not drive to other locations. Then, park where instructed.
- Notify the agency when you arrive. Your firearm and ammunition should remain locked and secured until they are relinquished to a law enforcement officer.

YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY: You have **24 hours** to relinquish your firearms and ammunition. *This deadline applies even during weekends and holidays.* The sheriff’s office and police departments are available 24/7.

FILE YOUR PROOF OF RELINQUISHMENT: You must file your proof of compliance with the court within **48 hours** of being served with the restraining order. You may use the DV-800 form for this purpose or documents provided by the law enforcement agency.