



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SOLANO

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

If the court issues a restraining/protective order against you, you are prohibited from possessing firearms, firearm parts (including any receiver, frame or unfinished receiver frame), and ammunition while the order is in effect. You have 24 hours from the time you received the restraining or protective order to relinquish or sell your firearms, firearm parts or ammunition, and 48 hours to provide proof of relinquishment to the court. This process is known as ‘relinquishment.’ **You may NOT transfer these items to a friend, family member, or anyone else.** Failure to comply may result in criminal charges for violating the restraining order, as well as other penalties. The **Judicial Council form CH/DV/EA/GV/SV/CR-800-INFO and JV-270-INFO** provides additional information on this topic, including answers to frequently asked questions, such as:

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

A firearm, firearm part(s), and ammunition are:

- Handgun
- Rifle
- Any receiver
- Bullets
- Shells
- Shotgun
- Assault Weapon
- Frame or unfinished receiver frame
- Cartridges
- Clips



2 If you own or have a firearm, firearm part(s), and ammunition you must:

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

3 How do I store or sell my firearm(s), firearm parts and ammunition?

If you decide to sell your firearm(s), firearm part(s), and ammunition instead of turning it in, the sale must be conducted through a licensed gun dealer as defined under California Penal Code § 26700. Proof of the sale must be filed with the court within 48 hours of restraining order issuance. To find Federal Firearms Licensed dealers, visit: <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/listing-federal-firearms-licensees>. Be sure to verify that the dealer holds a valid license.

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

- 1. Contact the Solano County Sheriff's Department or your local police department and inform them that you have a restraining/protective order or court minute order requiring the surrender of your firearm(s), firearm part(s) (including any receiver, frame or unfinished receiver frame), and ammunition.**

The law enforcement agency will provide instruction on where and how to surrender your firearm(s), firearm part(s) (any receiver, frame or unfinished receiver frame), and ammunition.

It is important to follow their instructions carefully.

Law enforcement may ask for:

- A description of you and your car,
- Your ID, and
- A copy of your court order requiring relinquishment.

2 Follow these safety instructions:

- Ensure your firearm(s) are unloaded. If you are unsure how to safely unload your firearm(s), **notify your local law enforcement before relinquishing them.**
- If possible, secure the chamber of a revolver or the slide of a semi-automatic firearm with a flex tie or similar device.
- Place the firearm(s) in your locked vehicle trunk. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, secure the firearm(s) in a locked container and keep it in the back of the vehicle, out of arm's reach. **Note: a glove compartment is not considered a "locked container" (California Penal Code § 16850).** Store ammunition separately in a box or ammunition can.
- Drive directly to the law enforcement agency without making any stops.
- Upon arrival, park and call the agency for further instructions. If you are unable to call, leave the firearm(s), firearm part(s), and ammunition in your vehicle and enter the station to ask for instructions. Make sure your vehicle is locked.

3 Do not bring any firearms inside the building. Keep all firearms in their locked containers inside your vehicle until law enforcement personnel give further instructions.

4. You will receive a receipt for the relinquishment. File this receipt with the court within 48 hours of restraining order issuance. The CH/DV/EA/GV/SV/CR-800 or JV-270 form may be used for this purpose.

Please Note: Local law enforcement may charge a fee for storing firearms or ammunition (California Family Code § 6389(e)).

YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY: You are required to relinquish your firearm(s), firearm part(s), and ammunition within 24 hours from receiving the restraining or protective order.

This deadline applies even during weekends and holidays. The Sheriff's office and police departments are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

FILE YOUR RECEIPT FOR FIREARMS: You must file your receipt for firearms relinquishment with the court within 48 hours of relinquishing the firearms. You may use the CH/DV/EA/GV/SV/CR-800 or JV-270 form for this purpose or file the documentation provided by the law enforcement agency.

NO LONGER IN POSSESSION: If you no longer possess a firearm(s), firearm part(s), and ammunition, you may complete the Department of Justice (DOJ) [Notice of No Longer in Possession form \(BOF 4546\)](#). Mail completed Notice and copies of any required documents to: Department of Justice Bureau of Firearms P.O. Box 820200 Sacramento, CA 94203-0200 and file it with the court.

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.

What if I have an antique firearm?

You must turn in, sell, or store any antique firearms that you have. Antique firearms are still 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.

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.

What happens if I don't comply?

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

Non-Emergency Phone Numbers for Solano County Law Enforcement Agencies

Benicia Police Department	(707) 745-3411
Dixon Police Department	(707) 678-7070
Fairfield Police Department	(707) 428-7300
Rio Vista Police Department	(707) 374-6366
Solano County Sheriff's Office	(707) 784-7000
Suisun City Police Department	(707) 421-7373
Vacaville Police Department	(707) 449-5200
Vallejo Police Department	(707) 648-4321

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Instead Contact Your Local Law Enforcement Agency for Instructions on Where and How to Surrender Your Firearm(s).

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