

METRO AREA RESOURCES

Any life-threatening situation • 911

Aurora Police Non-emergency • 303.627.3100

LOCATION OF COUNTY COURTS SERVING THE CITY OF AURORA:

ERPO

BASIC NEEDS SERVICES

Comitis Crisis Center • 303.341.9160
ComitisCrisisCenter.org
13387 E. 19th Place, Aurora, CO 80045
Adult shelter, family shelter, veterans, women's bridge housing, street outreach

MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Aurora Mental Health • 303.617.2300
AUMHC.org
791 N. Chambers Road, Aurora, CO 80011

The Medical Center of Aurora • 844.556.2012
AuroraMed.com
730 Potomac St., Aurora, CO 80011
Behavioral Health and Wellness Services

Colorado Crisis Services • 844.493.TALK (8255)
24-hour Crisis Line

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) SERVICES

Gateway DV Services • 303.343.1851
Gateway2.org

Safe House Denver • 303.318.9959
24-hour Crisis Line
Safehouse-Denver.org

Protect Safeguard • 303.219.7049
Civil Legal Help - DV, Sex Assault, Stalking
psghelps.org

ADAMS COUNTY COURTS

303.659.1161
1100 Judicial Center Drive, Brighton, CO 80601

ARAPAHOE COUNTY COURTS

303.645.6600
7325 S. Potomac St., Centennial, CO 80112
1790 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton, CO 80120

DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTS

720.437.6200
4000 Justice Way, Suite 2009
Castle Rock, CO 80109

EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER Informational Resource Guide



This protection order cannot restrain the respondent from contacting a person nor can it order the respondent to stay away from any person or place.

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT
15001 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO 80012



WHAT IS AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER?

An Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) is designed to temporarily prevent individuals who are at high risk of harming themselves or others from possessing firearms. The ERPO directs a person to surrender their firearms. It would be illegal to purchase or have control of firearms. It restrains the person from obtaining a concealed-carry permit and orders them to surrender it if they have one.

Factors that demonstrate such a risk can include violent behavior, threats of self-harm, dangerous mental health crises, and abuse of drugs or alcohol. The person who is alleged to be dangerous is called the respondent.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER

Who can request the order?

A petition can be filed by a person who is a family or household member of the respondent. The person filing the case is called the petitioner. Family or household members include:

- People related by blood, marriage or adoption
- Intimate partners as defined in C.R.S. 18-6-800.3(2)
- People who have a child in common
- People who reside or have resided with the respondent within the past 6 months
- Domestic partners
- People who have a biological or legal parent-child relationship, including stepparents and stepchildren, grandparents and grandchildren
- People who are acting or have acted as the respondent's legal guardian

Step 1: Petition the Court

The case must be filed in the appropriate county or district court where the respondent resides. Aurora Municipal Court will not take these cases.

You may petition on your own or hire a lawyer to represent you. You must swear under oath that the things you write in the petition are true.

In the petition, you must state in writing the specific statements, actions or facts that show the respondent is a high risk for harming themselves or another person and if the respondent has access to firearms.

Information the court may look for includes:

- The types of any firearms the respondent has and where they are
- Any other protection orders or court cases involving the respondent
- Medical or police records if you have them.

Before heading to court to petition for an ERPO, please email the Aurora Police Department at ERPO@auroragov.org with your intent so an APD representative may attend the hearing. Please include as much contact information as possible for yourself and the respondent. If you were unable to make notification prior to petitioning and the court sets a hearing date/time, please forward that information to the above email address.

Step 2: Appear for a Temporary Hearing

After you file the petition, a judge will decide whether to issue you a temporary order. You may need to talk with the judge in a courtroom. The judge will ask you questions and you will need to answer truthfully under oath. If the judge grants your petition, you will get a Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order. The court papers will state the time and date of the next hearing - which you must attend.

Step 3: Notice to Respondent

A law enforcement agency will serve the temporary order, notice of hearing, and petition on the respondent. If the respondent lives in the city of Aurora, the Aurora Police Department will be responsible to serve the order/notice/petition to the respondent.

Step 4: Appear for a Full Hearing

The court will schedule a full ERPO hearing within 14 days, at which you should appear. If you choose, you can hire a lawyer to represent you at this hearing; but you are not required to have one. The respondent will likely be at this hearing and may also bring a lawyer. You should appear at this hearing, regardless of whether the respondent has been served. If you do not attend the court will dismiss the case and will not sign an order.

At the full hearing, be prepared to explain your request to the judge. Both you and the respondent may be asked questions by the judge, the lawyers or each other, about your request and your statement. The judge will decide whether to sign an Extreme Risk Protection Order.

How long does the order last?

An ERPO lasts for 364 days, but it can be renewed for additional period of time. Any motion (request) to renew may be filed at any time within the 63 days before the order expires.

When must the respondent surrender firearms and concealed carry weapons permit (CCW)?

The law enforcement agency serving the order shall request that the respondent immediately surrender all firearms and CCW.

If the respondent appears in court and the firearms have not been previously surrendered, the respondent must surrender them within 24 hours.

Terminating Orders

The respondent may file a written request to terminate the Extreme Risk Protection Order only one time during the period of time that the order is in effect.

Where can I get forms?

You can download all of the forms relating to ERPOs at the Colorado Judicial Branch website (www.courts.state.co.us) or get them from any County Court Clerk's office.