



EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS: **A LIFE SAVING TOOL**

Before a shooter went into a Pittsburgh synagogue and killed 11 people, he made antisemitic, bigoted, and violent comments online about Jews and a specific Jewish organization. He posted images of himself shooting guns and made hateful statements about Jews and Muslims to co-workers.

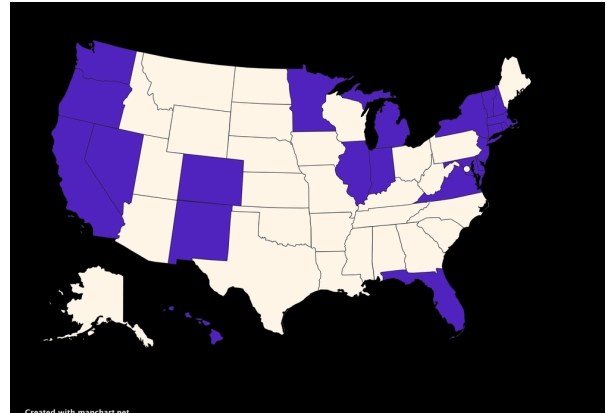
Like the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter, most people who use a gun to hurt themselves or others give warning signs to friends and family members before they take action. In Pennsylvania today, there are few legal options to keep loved ones in crisis away from guns while they get help.

HOW IT WORKS

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) are civil court orders that temporarily restrict a person's access to guns if they pose a real threat to their safety or the safety of others.

Loved ones or law enforcement can get an order by filing a petition with a local court. Judges look at potential risk factors including past dangerous or violent behavior and clear threats.

If an ERPO is issued, the person must promptly turn over their firearms to law enforcement for up to one year, giving time for them to get help.



ERPOs save lives in 21 states. Pennsylvania residents deserve this law too.

TIME TO GET HELP

Up to 80% of people considering suicide give some sign of their intentions. ERPOs allow close family members or law enforcement to temporarily remove the most fatal method of suicide and violence before someone hurts themselves or others.

A POPULAR LAW

Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Vermont and Virginia have ERPO laws, including 16 other states. Many of these laws passed with support from both Democrats and Republicans.

States that enact ERPOs are also eligible for federal funding to help them put the law into effect.



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EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER PROCESS



Warning Signs

- Suicidal thoughts
- Leaked plans for mass shooting
- Domestic violence threats



Petition for Order

- Family or law enforcement provide proof of danger to court



Court Hearing

- Full due process afforded to gun owner in civil proceeding



Judge Issues Order

- Firearms must be temporarily relinquished to law enforcement or a firearms dealer



Time To Get Help

- Firearms may be returned if crisis passes



After One Year

- Firearms returned
- ERPO may be renewed if necessary



21

or more mass shootings were stopped by ERPOs in California over 3 years.



14%

reduction in suicide from Connecticut's ERPO law.



70%

Indiana ERPO cases listed suicidal ideation as the reason.



1 in 3

people subject to ERPO orders received mental health and/or substance abuse treatment



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