



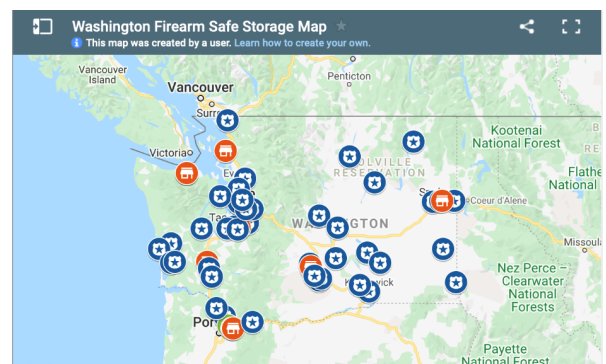
FIREARM INJURY AND SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- In Washington State, **three in every four firearm deaths are suicides.**
- Access to firearms **triples** the risk of suicide.
- Empathetic **conversation about firearm safety** and mental health is associated with more people using safe gun storage, **reducing the risk of preventable injury and death.**
- Washington State provides three critical interventions listed below to support an individual in crisis:

Firearm Safe Storage sites provide temporary storage options outside the home.

WHY USE SAFE STORAGE

- Firearms in the home should always be stored safely.
- At times of crisis, it may be safest to have the firearm stored outside the home.
- Some firearm retailers, ranges and law enforcement agencies have agreed to temporarily store firearms, shown on the interactive map.



An **Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)** allows a family or law enforcement agency (petitioner) to petition a judge to restrict an individual's (respondent) possession and purchase of firearms using a civil order.

WHY USE AN ERPO

ERPOs provide a means of keeping people safe if someone is having a crisis and is at risk of harming themselves or others.

HOW TO USE AN ERPO

1. Encourage a family member to file a temporary ERPO petition at the county clerk's office, which lasts 14 days or until the first hearing.
2. A petitioner can tell law enforcement about the situation and ask them to assist.
3. A judge determines if a temporary ERPO is needed, most often on the same day the petition is filed.
4. If approved, law enforcement enforces the ERPO by removing firearms from the respondent.
5. A final ERPO hearing is held where respondent may challenge the order.
6. The court issues or rejects final ERPO. If granted, respondent will not be able possess or purchase firearms for up to one year.

Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights (Do-Not-Sell) Lists let people voluntarily and confidentially restrict immediate access to firearm purchase.

WHY USE VOLUNTARY DO-NOT-SELL

Stops impulsive firearm purchasing at the time when actively suicidal. Can be reversed by the individual.

HOW TO USE VOLUNTARY DO-NOT-SELL

1. Encourage individual to file voluntary waiver of firearm rights at county clerk's office (requires photo ID).
2. Information is submitted to national database to restrict firearm purchases.
3. Individual can remove their name after a week at the same county clerk's office where they originally filed. At that time, all documentation is destroyed.