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#### WASHINGTON

# Extreme Risk Protection Order Process

#### Authorized petitioners in Washington include:

- Family
- · Law enforcement

#### **TEMPORARY ERPO PROCESS**

#### **COMPLETE AN ERPO PETITION**

May have the option to participate by telephone. Law enforcement may petition outside of normal business hours.

#### TEMPORARY ERPO HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE



### TEMPORARY ERPO ISSUED

Temporary ERPOs last for up to 14 days. The court sets the final ERPO hearing date.

### COURT DOES

The petitioner may appeal the court's decision. If there is no appeal, the process ends.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVES THE ERPO

Law enforcement provides the respondent with a copy of the ERPO and explains to the respondent the process of dispossessing him/herself of firearms and ammunition for the duration of the order. Law enforcement receives firearm(s) and concealed pistol license. If respondent is a minor, firearms in his/her residence must be safely secured to prevent access, or be removed. Law enforcement provides respondent and court with a receipt identifying the removed firearms. Law enforcement adds the temporary ERPO to existing background check systems to bar firearm purchases.

#### **FINAL ERPO PROCESS**

#### FINAL ERPO HEARING BEFORE A JUDGE

### RESPONDENT IS IN COURT

Petitioner presents the petition to the court; other witnesses testify. Respondent responds to the petition in court.

### RESPONDENT IS NOT IN COURT

Petitioner presents the petition to the court.

#### **COURT DETERMINES WHETHER TO ISSUE FINAL ERPO**

### COURT ISSUES FINAL ERPO

ERPO is in place for up to one year. Respondent may return to court and request termination of the ERPO.

### COURT DOES NOT ISSUE FINAL ERPO

Petitioner may appeal the court's decision. If there is no appeal, the process ends.
Law enforcement returns firearms to respondent.

#### **ERPO ENDS**



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#### RESPONDENT REQUESTS RETURN OF FIREARMS

Law enforcement verifies the former respondent is not otherwise disqualified and returns firearms to the individual. Law enforcement updates the background check system.



IF A FINAL ERPO IS ISSUED, PURCHASE AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IS PROHIBITED FOR UP TO 1 YEAR.