

## Concerned About a Loved One's Safety?

You may be able to help prevent firearm-related harm.

If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department.

In Massachusetts an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), also known as a red flag order, is an order from a judge that requires someone to surrender any licenses to carry firearms, firearms identification cards, and all firearms or ammunition they control, own, or possess.

### Why Consider Filing an ERPO?

#### **SAFETY**

**S** – see the warning signs

**A** – act early

**F** – file to pause firearm access

**E** – explain it's not punishment

**T** – temporary pause

**Y** – you're not alone



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# How to Start

Contact Your Doctor, Local Police, or County Court

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## Extreme Risk Protection Orders

Visit: [Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov)



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## Massachusetts Behavioral Health Help Line

Call or Text: (833) 773-2445



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## 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or Text: 988



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