

REMOVING GUNS FROM POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS



Are you concerned about a friend or family member who has a gun and could be a danger to themselves or others?

*The District's "**Red Flag Law**" can be used to remove a firearm from a potentially dangerous individual. This law allows certain District residents to petition the D.C. Superior Court to issue an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), which requires the temporary removal of firearms and ammunition from people who are considered a danger to themselves (e.g. suicidal) or to others.*



Who can use the Red Flag Law:

- Family Members
- Guardians
- Domestic Partners
- Romantic Partners or Dates
- Parent of a Child in Common
- Roommates
- Police Officers
- Mental Health Professionals



How to use the Red Flag Law:

- 1) Fill out a FREE form called a "petition" at www.dccourts.gov/ERPO. The petition must include facts showing that the person is a danger to themselves or others.
- 2) File the petition in person with the D.C. Superior Court at one of the below locations. You can see a judge immediately or at most within one business day of filing the petition.

D.C. Superior Court
500 Indiana Ave. NW, Room 4510
Washington, DC 20001

Anacostia Professional Building
2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE, Room 400
Washington, DC
20020

For more information on how to voluntarily turn in a firearm or ammunition safely and without being arrested for possessing unregistered items, please call the **Firearms Registration Branch at (202)727-4275**.



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