

When does Washington law require surrender of firearms with a civil or criminal protective order? *

* Court orders issued under RCW 7.90, 7.92, 9A.46, 10.14, 10.99, 26.09, 26.10, 26.26, or 26.50, including: criminal No Contact Order; DV Protection Order; Sexual Assault PO; Stalking PO; Anti-Harassment Order; or civil Restraining Order in a family law action.

Are ALL of these true of the court order?

- Protected person is the respondent's **intimate partner or child of an intimate partner**.**
- The order was issued after a **hearing**, of which the restrained person had **actual notice and opportunity to participate**.
- The order **restrains the person from harassing, stalking, or threatening**.
- The order **prohibits the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force**.
- The court finds that the restrained person represents a **credible threat to the physical safety** of the intimate partner or child. [RCW 9.41.800\(3\)](#)

YES

The court SHALL:

- require surrender** of firearms & concealed pistol license
- prohibit from obtaining or possessing** a firearm or concealed pistol license

NO

** Intimate partner includes: current or former spouse or domestic partner, parent of a child in common, current or former cohabitant as part of a dating relationship.

Did any court make AT LEAST ONE of these findings in a court order?

- The restrained person has used, displayed, or threatened to use a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a felony.
- The restrained person has committed an offense that would make him/her ineligible to possess a firearm under RCW 9.41.040.

YES

by clear and convincing evidence

[RCW 9.41.800\(1\)](#)

by preponderance of the evidence

[RCW 9.41.800\(2\)](#)

NO

Did the court find that possession of a firearm by the restrained person presents a serious and imminent threat to public health or safety, or the health or safety of any individual?

[RCW 9.41.800\(5\)](#)

YES

The court MAY:

- require surrender** of firearms & concealed pistol license
- prohibit from obtaining or possessing** a firearm or concealed pistol license

NO

No basis for prohibiting weapons under RCW 9.41.800.

Can the court order immediate surrender of firearms without a hearing?

Did the court find that that **irreparable injury could result** if an order is not issued immediately?

YES

The court may order temporary surrender of firearms **without notice to the respondent**.

NO

The court may order surrender of firearms only **after a hearing**.

[RCW 9.41.800\(4\)](#)