

# FIREARMS SURRENDER



I've been served with a final protective order in Virginia, and I own a gun. What next/what do I do?

If you have been served with a final protective order:  
**You CANNOT have, carry, or buy a gun(s).**

**You have  
24 HOURS  
to do the  
following:**

- ▶ Take your gun(s) to the Sheriff's Office;
- ▶ Sell or give your gun(s) to a dealer; or
- ▶ Sell or give your gun(s) to anybody legally allowed to have a gun.

If you have a concealed carry permit, you must give the permit to the court that issued the final protective order.

## Protective Order Firearm Certification

- ▶ You must **COMPLETE** the **FIREARM CERTIFICATION** in 48 hours.
- ▶ Hand over your gun(s) and confirm that on the certification form.
- ▶ FILE this form with the CLERK of the COURT that issued the protective order.

## How Do I Turn Over My Gun(s)?

- ▶ Make an appointment with the **Sheriff's Office** by calling **703-246-4405**.
- ▶ The Sheriff's Office can store your gun(s) safely.
- ▶ Bring unloaded gun(s), copy of final protective order and government-issued ID.
- ▶ You and your gun(s) will be checked for outstanding warrants.
- ▶ Your gun(s) will be inventoried, and you will get a receipt, called a Weapon Forfeiture form.
- ▶ Your gun(s) will be stored until the final protective order expires or is dismissed.



### DO:

- ▶ Call ahead
- ▶ Unload gun(s)
- ▶ Separate gun(s), magazine, and ammunition
- ▶ Place in trunk



### DON'T

- ▶ Bring loaded gun(s) into Sheriff's Office
- ▶ Bring ammunition with you
- ▶ Bring gun(s) to court

## How Do I Get My Gun(s) Back?

After Final Protective Order Has Expired or Been Dismissed:

- ▶ Make an appointment with the Sheriff's Office by calling **703-246-4405**.
- ▶ Bring government-issued ID, copy of protective order dismissal, final protective order and Weapon Forfeiture form.
- ▶ After all checks come back negative, you will get your gun(s) back.

