



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND GUNS: *What You Should Know*

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IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY: CALL 911

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW IF THERE IS A GUN:

Firearms are responsible for more domestic violence murders than any other weapon.

WHEN POLICE ARRIVE ON THE SCENE OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALL:

The police must take temporary custody of any firearm in plain sight or discovered during a consensual or other lawful search. This is for the protection of both the people present at the scene and the police officers. (PC 18250)

WHEN A PERSON IS SERVED WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER OR CRIMINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER:

The person must surrender or lawfully sell their firearm within 24 hours of being served with the Order. (CCP 527.9)

WHILE THE ORDER IS IN EFFECT:

The person may not attempt to purchase, receive, or possess a firearm at any time. If the person still has a firearm or tries to get a new one, they are subject to arrest and prosecution. (PC 29825)

ONCE A PERSON HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

The person may not own, purchase, receive, or possess a firearm for 10 years if they are convicted of a misdemeanor. If the person is convicted of a felony, they may never have a firearm. (PC 29800, 29805)

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office is here to help. If you would like additional information regarding domestic violence and firearms, please call: (213) 485-2352.

NON-EMERGENCY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS A GUN, CALL: **1-877-ASK-LAPD**

FOR CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT, CALL:
National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-7233 (open 24 hrs / 7 days week)