

# 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:**

- Sell or give your gun(s) to a dealer; or
- Sell or give your gun(s) to anybody legally allowed to have a gun.
- Turn gun(s) over to the Alexandria Police Department (APD).

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)?

- Call APD's non-emergency number at **703.746.4444** to turn over gun(s).
- The Police Department 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 Property Retrieval form.
- Your gun(s) will be stored until the final protective order expires or is dismissed.



## DO...

Contact the Alexandria Police Department before attempting to turn over your firearm(s).



## DON'T...

- Bring loaded gun(s) into Police Department
- 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 **Alexandria Police Department** by calling **703.746.6709**.
- Bring government-issued ID, another form of ID (you will need two), copy of protective order dismissal, final protective order and Property Retrieval form.
- After all checks come back negative, you will get your gun(s) back.
- APD Property will hold the gun up to 60 days after expiration of the protection order or 60 days after the dismissal of the protection order. The weapon may be destroyed after 60 days.

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