

## GUNS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE A **DEADLY** COMBINATION.

- A gun in the home raises the risk of homicide for women by **500%**.
- **600+** American women are shot to death by intimate partners every year.
- **25%** of last year's homicides in DC were related to domestic violence. That number is rising.

**Knowing the law can save lives.**

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## KNOW THE LAW

When a temporary civil protection order is issued, **the abuser is required to give up any guns in their possession within 24 hours**. As part of a final civil protection order, the court can order an abuser to turn in their guns until the final order expires.

## SPREAD THE WORD

**Domestic violence and guns are a lethal combination**. If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence and the abuser has access to guns, **there are options**.

## ASSERT YOUR RIGHTS

As part of a civil protection order case, the court can order your abuser to submit proof that they have turned in their guns, but this is not automatic. **You have the right to ask the court to order proof and to follow up until it happens**.

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