



Wisconsin Anti-Violence Education Fund

People Want Gun Safety

In Wisconsin, 80% of people want background checks on all guns, according to a 2019 Marquette Law School poll.

This poll showed that 81% of Wisconsinites support extreme risk protective orders (ERPO).

According to Fox News, the national support for ERPO is almost identical, and support for universal background checks to be at 90%.

In 2022, a Marquette Law School poll revealed that 90% of people in Wisconsin are concerned about gun violence. Respondents ranked it at the top of their list of priorities, behind only inflation.

80% of
Wisconsinites want
stronger gun laws.



Background Checks



In Wisconsin, federally licensed dealers are required to conduct a background check on all gun sales, but private sellers are not. This private sale loophole allows just about anyone to sell a gun with no background check, no identification, and no questions asked.

In the 10 years following Connecticut's passage of its law requiring prospective handgun buyers to first get a permit – by passing a criminal background check – firearm homicides declined by 40%.*

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO)

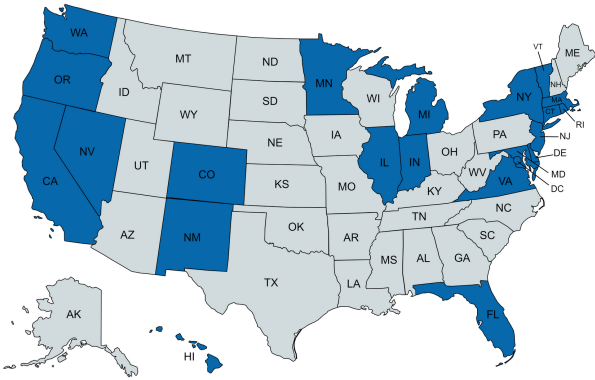
ERPO allows families and law enforcement officers to ask a judge to temporarily prohibit an at-risk person from purchasing or possessing a gun.

They are particularly effective in preventing suicides and mass shootings.

ERPO follow due process through the court system.

It is a non-criminal process that involves a court hearing and clearly defined due process protections.

A judge will only ask for removal of firearms if the person poses an imminent threat to themselves or others.



States with ERPO laws as of February 2024

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What Can I Do?

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Ask your elected officials to support the gun laws that we know Wisconsinites want.

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Source Information

*Rudolph, K., et al, "Association between Connecticut's permit-to-purchase handgun law and homicides," American Journal of Public Health, June 2015.