

# SIGNAL *for* SAFETY

## LEGAL TOOLS FOR SAFER OUTCOMES

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN BE DANGEROUS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE WEAPONS PRESENT. ASKING FOR HELP IS OFTEN DIFFICULT, AND LEGAL STEPS CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING.

The Signal for Safety initiative introduces legal tools that can allow anyone – friends, neighbours, support workers - to act and help protect those at risk.

These tools:

- ✓ Reduce risk before harm occurs
- ✓ Support survivors without adding pressure
- ✓ Give time and space for safer decisions
- ✓ Enable communities to help in meaningful ways

By sharing these resources, it makes it easier for people to understand their options, use them effectively and support others safely and respectfully.

# EMERGENCY RISK PREVENTION ORDERS

## Emergency Prohibition Orders

Temporarily remove access to firearms from someone who may pose a risk to themselves or others.

- ✓ Anyone can apply - no lawyer needed
- ✓ Lasts up to 30 days, with possible extension up to 5 years.
- ✓ The person is only notified after the order is granted.
- ✓ Applicant identity can stay confidential.
- ✓ No criminal record unless the order is violated.

## Emergency Limitations on Access Orders

Prevent someone from accessing firearms stored by others, especially in shared homes.

- ✓ Anyone can apply - no lawyer needed.
- ✓ Lasts up to 30 days, with possible extension.
- ✓ The person is only notified after the order is granted.
- ✓ Applicant identity can stay confidential.
- ✓ No criminal record unless the order is violated.
- ✓ Firearms may be temporarily relocated if safe storage isn't possible.

**Public Safety Canada** - Red Flag Laws and Preventing Firearm-related Harm

# **OTHER LEGAL PROTECTIONS**

## **Emergency Protection Orders**

Immediate short-term safety from family or domestic violence. May include no-contact orders, removal from home and weapon seizure. Review hearing within 9 days.

## **King's Bench Protection Orders**

Longer-term protection including supervised parenting limits on contact. Lasts several months to a year.

## **Restraining Orders**

Protection from non-family members such as roommates or coworkers.

## **Peace Bonds**

Court order to “keep the peace” when someone fears harm. No charges are filed.

## **Clare's Law**

Request information about a partner's history of violence. Two ways to request: Right to Ask (individual applies), and Right to Know (police apply).

## TAKING ACTION & SUPPORT

If you're unsure where to start, [211 Alberta](#) offers free, confidential assistance. This brochure provides general information and is not legal advice. For legal help, contact a lawyer or a legal support service.

### HOW TO REQUEST ORDERS:

#### Emergency Prohibition Orders and Emergency Limitations on Access Orders:

Alberta Court of Justice - Calgary Hearing Office  
601 5 Street SW, Calgary

 **1-855-738-4747** (Court and Justice Services)

 **403-266-1234** (Calgary Police Non-Emergency Line)

#### Restraining & Protection Orders

For family violence or non-family threats, apply at the Alberta Court of Justice or call

 **1-855-738-4747**

For more information, go to:

[Restraining and protection orders - Overview | Alberta.ca](#)

#### Clare's Law

To apply go to [Clare's Law | Alberta.ca](#)

For support, call or text

 **310-1818**

#### IF AN ORDER IS VIOLATED

Violations are criminal offences.

Call police immediately

 **911**

Report anonymously through Calgary Crime Stoppers

 **1-800-222-8477**