



An Outline of the ERPO Petitioning Process



After submitting your [JDF 573: Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order \(TERPO\) petition](#) and [JDF 577: Extreme Risk Protection Order \(ERPO\) Information Sheet](#), it is important to know what you can expect.

Use this outline to help you navigate the ERPO process, from starting the petition to renewal, if necessary.

Timelines

After filing your temporary extreme risk protection order (TERPO) petition, you can expect the following:



The **court schedules an initial hearing** to review the TERPO request, typically within 24 hours.



Within 14 days, the court **holds a follow-up hearing** to decide if a 364-day ERPO is needed.



A petitioner **may need to call a court clerk to inquire about hearing details.**

Hearings



Hearings will give you the opportunity to **explain why the ERPO is necessary**, present documentation, explain specific risks, and respond to questions.



Stay organized and prepared to **provide updates, further evidence, and concerns** to the court.



The respondent is not notified or present at the TERPO hearing. However, they will be notified and have the option to attend the ERPO hearing.

Potential Outcomes



TERPO, If Granted

If granted, **law enforcement will serve a TERPO** to restrict the respondent's access to firearms for 14 days until an ERPO hearing.



ERPO, If Granted

If a 364-day ERPO is granted, but the respondent fails to comply, **law enforcement may document the noncompliance**.



If a TERPO or ERPO is Denied

If a TERPO or ERPO is denied, **no restrictions apply**, but you can refile if new concerns arise later.



Citizen Request Warrant

If firearms remain accessible after an ERPO is granted, citizens may request a **court-issued research warrant**.

Petition Renewal

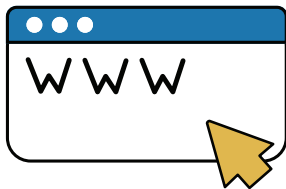
If you believe the risk will persist after the 364-day ERPO expires, you may petition for a renewal. To do so, ensure to do the following:



Submit your renewal request approximately **63 days before the order expires**.



Attend additional required hearing with updated information for ongoing firearm restrictions.



For additional resources, including **direct access to forms and official procedural guidance** for navigating each phase of the ERPO process, refer to the Colorado Judicial [*ERPO Resources*](#) page.



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