



## Firearms and Guns



Your partner is **NOT** allowed to own or be near firearms if:

- they have a **full Order of Protection** against **them** right now.
- they have ever been **convicted of domestic violence**.
- they have ever been **convicted of a felony**.

### During Calm Moments:

- If your partner is not allowed to have guns but has them anyway, **try to report to the police or their Probation/Parole Officer**.
- Try to learn the **type of gun** your partner has and know **where it's kept**.
- If you have children living with you, try to convince your partner to **keep the guns in a safe** for the children's safety.
- Try to **turn the safety on** if you can do so safely.
- If it's safe to do so and you know how to, **disarm the gun** and **hide the ammunition**.
- **Mentally prepare** yourself for what to do during a violent incident involving a firearm.
- If you can do so safely, try to get a **picture of the gun** for evidence.
- Learn more about **gun use & gun safety** online.
- If police come to your house, **consider asking police to search the house and seize any firearms** they find.

### During a Violent Incident:

- Try to **get away** if you can do so safely.
- Say or do whatever you can to **de-escalate** the situation or to buy yourself more time, such as, "Think about the kids", or "You don't have to do this."



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- If your partner is pointing a gun at you, try to **move away from your children** so they're not in the line of fire.
- Be **aware of your surroundings** and make a mental note of what you can use to **shield yourself** from gunfire.

### If You Are Being Shot At:

- Do everything you can to escape.
- Figure out a route to safety that includes as much **cover** (things that bullets can't go through) and **concealment** (things you can hide behind) as possible. **Sprint for 2-3 seconds** from one hiding place to the next.
- Stay **low and dodge and weave** when you are trying to hide or get away from your partner.
- Try to **distract, confuse, or slow down** your partner by doing things like turning off the lights; throwing heavy, hot, or sharp things; or using a fire extinguisher.
- **Call 911** for help as soon as you can.

### If You Have Been Shot:

- Say to yourself, "**I will live through this.**"
- Keep doing everything you can to get away.
- Call 911 as soon as you can and **ask for an ambulance and police**. If you can't call 911, try to get yourself to a safe place.
- Put **pressure** on your wound and **elevate** it above your heart if possible.
- If you are bleeding **very severely** from a wound in your arm or leg, use anything you can find (like a shoelace, necklace, scarf, belt, or shirt) and **tie it tight above the wound to help stop the bleeding**. If you don't have anything to tie a tourniquet with or your wound is in another part of your body, **use a tampon to plug the wound** and temporarily control the bleeding.