

How to Turn In Firearms and Ammunition

Important! You must call **BEFORE** you bring firearms or ammunition to a law enforcement agency. You have 24 hours to call. Follow the steps below.

- 1 Call the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department or the Police Department where you live. Tell them you have a restraining or criminal protective order and you need to turn in your firearm(s) and ammunition.
- 2 The law enforcement agency will explain where and how to turn in your firearm(s) and ammunition. Some agencies ask you to make two trips: one for the firearm(s) and one for the ammunition. Follow their instructions carefully.
- 3 Law enforcement may ask for:
 - a description of you and your car,
 - your ID, and
 - your court order.

Here are the non-emergency phone numbers.

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| Campbell Police Dept | (408) 866-2101, 866-2102 |
| Gilroy Police Dept. | (408) 846-0300 |
| Los Altos Police Dept. | (650) 947-2779 |
| Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police Dept. | (408) 354-8600 |
| Milpitas Police Dept. | (408) 586-2400 |
| Morgan Hill Police Dept. | (408) 779-2101 |
| Mountain View Police Dept. | (650) 903-6344 |
| Palo Alto Police Dept. | (650) 329-2406 |
| San Jose Police Dept. | 311 or (408) 277-8900 |
| San Jose State Univ. Police Dept. | (408) 924-2185 |
| Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office | (408) 808-4400 |
| Santa Clara Police Dept. | (408) 327-9166 |
| Stanford Univ. Dept. of Public Safety | (650) 723-9633 |
| Sunnyvale Dept. of Public Safety | (408) 730-7110 |

Do not call 911.
*Call your local police department
or the Santa Clara County
Sheriff's Office.*

Follow these Safety Instructions:

- Your firearm(s) must be **unloaded**.
- Place the firearm in your trunk, and lock your **trunk**. If you do not have a trunk, lock your firearm in a container and put it in the **back** of your vehicle out of arm's reach. Do **NOT** put it in your glove compartment! (*PC § 12026.1(a)*)
- Drive straight to the law enforcement agency. Do not stop anywhere else.
- Park your car where the agency told you to park.
- Call the agency when you get there. They will tell you what to do. If you do not have a cell phone, **leave the firearm in your car** and go inside and ask for instructions.

If you want to have your firearms and ammunition destroyed:

Follow the safety instructions above. The agency will also ask you to sign a paper that gives them permission to destroy your firearm(s) and ammunition.

If your firearms are antiques or collector's items:

When you turn in your firearm(s), tell the agency how they should be stored. Some agencies may be able to follow your storage instructions.

You have 24 hours to turn in (or sell) your firearms and ammunition.

If the court ordered you to "relinquish" your firearms and ammunition, you have only 24 hours to do so. If you decide to sell them, you must sell them to a **federally licensed** gun dealer. Look in the Yellow Pages or online under "Firearms Dealers." Be sure that the firearm dealer is federally licensed.