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okay good evening my name is Alison
Brynelson and I am the superintendent

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of the Mukilteo School District. I want
to start off by thanking you for being

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here tonight. We're here to talk about a
very important topic of safety and this

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is the first of a series we're going to
have for parents and community members

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around the topic of safety. Actually,
we had the same information about two

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weeks ago at Harbour Pointe so this is a
repeat of that session. So for the first

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part of our presentation we are going to
hear from officer Myron Travis who works

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in crime prevention for the Mukilteo
Police Department he'll come up in a bit.

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And then we have Dee Reynolds who
is the domestic violence coordinator

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through the Mukilteo Police Department. They will be sharing the bulk of
the

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information tonight and then we will
hear a little bit from our Moms Demand

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Action group. And if there's time at the
end we'll do some reflection. So before I

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turn it over to officer Travis and I
would like to introduce you to key people.

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Diane Bradford is our communications

person and she's the one that obviously

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communicated the event. We have
Cindy Steigerwald

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who is our director of Transportation
and Safety and then we have Tim Reeves

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over here who is our manager of safety
and security. So the four of us planned

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this night and actually Cindy and Tim did a
nice job of taking the lead in

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organizing this. I just want to make
sure they were recognized. And finally we

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have Judy Schwab who is our vice
president of our school board, always

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very supportive, always visible and we
appreciate that so with that I'm going

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to turn it over to
Officer Travis. Give them a round of applause.

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Thank you. It is a pleasure to be here
and thank you for coming out and taking

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the time out to least be exposed to the
information that may help prevent an

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accidental discharge of a weapon or
a negligent discharge of a weapon.

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We'll talk about those dynamics on how
weapons are discharged in a bit, but the

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reason why gun safety is so important is
because the guns are prevalent in every

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direction we look. Toys and toy stores,
on television and in movies. There's

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always some type of gun activity in too
many places where we can look and be

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exposed to especially for our children. So we need to be educated on gun
safety

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because not only with that exposure, guns
are present, you know, so we're gonna talk

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a little bit about gun safety. And why
that is important is because out of eight

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hundred fifty seven million civilian
arms in in the in the world the United

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States makes up 5% of the world's
population. In the United States we

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have roughly 330 million people. In the
world we have 7.7 billion, depending what database you look at.

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again so we make up 5% of the world's
population 857 million civilian weapons

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are stockpiled in the world and 393
million of those weapons are right here

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in United States. So 46 percent of the
world's weapons

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civilian grade weapons are here in
United States. What's that look like? Well,

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as you can see, many households
have more than one weapon ... and I'm

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not debating the Second Amendment. We

have a right to it, but we have to be

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responsible and be safe if we're going to
possess a firearm. So not only do we have

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homes where there may be one particular
weapon, but we have many homes where there's

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long guns or rifles handy, so we
have to be conscious of how we want to

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store and possess those weapons. Why? This is why. Not primarily why, but
we have too

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many children who will have the
curiosity to either investigate, handle,

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find, explore, fire ... and just like a
birthday gift, no matter how hard or how

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how much you put into trying to hide,
children will find it. So we have to

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understand how important it is to make
sure that if we're going to possess a

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firearm, we're gonna have a firearm in a
home, we should do so responsibly in

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safety. In 2013 there were 505 accidental deaths. Now, I challenge these
types of, uh,

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this interpretation "accidental," because
you have reasons why these things occur.

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But accidental can mean something
totally different than what it

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means based on interpretations. So let's look at three types of firearm

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discharges. Accidental discharge,
negligent discharge, or intentional

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discharge. Accidental discharge may be
involved with weapon that you may drop,

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and the safety may become disengaged and it accidentally discharged,
right? That to

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me is an accidental discharge. If a
person handles the weapons and their

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finger's on that trigger and something
happens like you're walking or running

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and trip and fall, that's a negligence
because there's rules to possession in

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handling a firearm. One of them being keep
your finger off the trigger, right? Keep

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your finger off that gun unless you're
ready to discharge that weapon

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Intentionally, which is our third type of
firearm discharge: intentional discharges.

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When you actually intentionally have
your finger on the trigger, you're aiming

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it at something, you want to shoot and
you intentionally discharge that weapon,

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say, at that target. Now it can be for
sport, target practice, hunting, whatever,

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but these are the three types of firearm
discharges. So I just wanted to pass on

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information and educate you a little
bit about when we hear accidental. To me,

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that means it was a mechanical
malfunction based on some unintentional

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or less than negligent act. So if your
finger's on the trigger and it should not

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be, being that's the first tier to me of
being negligent.

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Okay? So when we talk about weapons, wow, safety is the most important.
61% of firearms

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stored in the United States are stored
in a manner that's less than safe. 39

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percent of firearms are stored in a
manner that's safe, locked, secure. And that's

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concerning if most of the weapons or 40,
what was it? Forty six percent? Forty six

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percent
of the weapons in the world are right here

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in the United States so we have to
really be diligent and really work

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on making sure that we possess these
weapons and we can store them safely for

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the sake of others, and children who may be in the household. How do we
do that?

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There's different mechanisms that we can
use to secure a weapon. One of the ... if you

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look at the top left, that would be
your basic cable gun lock. You run the cable

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through the chamber through the magazine well on the semi-automatic weapon,

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rendering it inoperable with the
cable going through the magazine well

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you can't insert a magazine
which means you cannot load it. The cable is

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going through the chamber which means
the round cannot be chambered into the

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into the chamber mechanism into the
barrel to render the weapon useful and

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ready and prepared for discharge. We can
have a trigger lock which is in the

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center with the key so you can't even
insert a finger into the trigger. Long

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guns may be used. Cable can be used on
long guns as well through the chamber.

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That's one of the most important aspects
of making sure your weapon is secure is to

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make sure that it cannot be chambered. A round cannot insert into the
chamber or

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into the barrel to be prepared for
discharge. And the cable goes through the

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magazine well to prevent it from being
loaded, okay? So these are ways that you

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can render a firearm safe and inoperable. How do we store it? Not only
should we

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render it safe and and inoperable, but stored. Inaccessible, right? So we
have

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different types of storage containers or
storage safes ... gun safes on the top left, we have

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these storage boxes which are a metal container that can be key locked.
It could be a

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combination lock. It's different
variations of that. We have biometrics, if

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you look at the top right biometric
locks where actually your fingerprint or

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thumbprint is used as a locking or
unlocking mechanism for the safe. Long

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guns not underneath the sofa or not
underneath the bed. In a gun safe that

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houses and is designed for a long gun because, again, you want you want
them to be not

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only safe, but inaccessible. Okay? Because
even in a storage facility or a storage

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container or storage safe or storage box,
should they still be unloaded.

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Absolutely because you want these layers,
these different layers of security when

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we come to gun safety. Not only do you
want them unloaded, you want them locked,

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secured and inaccessible. Now I put
this slide in here because I get a lot

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of questions about if I have children at
home, should I talk to my children about

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guns? See, well, I try not to be inside of homes and help parent because children

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mature at different levels and at different rates, but it is responsible and many safe gun

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advocates and knowledge and information tells us that you should have that

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candid conversation with the child to remove the curiosity element. To let them know

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that there's a weapon in the house, they're dangerous, and they are

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not to touch it. And there are rules that go along with that when we talk about

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gun safety with children. You know, stop, don't touch it, tell an

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adult, to create this mindset, to creative this learning aspect of gun safety,

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that they are not to touch it and that they're dangerous; not fun and

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entertainment. I've had information come to me that, "Well, I want to talk to them,

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but I also want to take them shooting," meaning the children. Well, I caution

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parents all the time to be leery about educating about gun safety versus

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entertaining children with weapons because if you take them shooting to

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expose them to it and you don't know what that mental capacity is going to do

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as far as what's going to energize them,
right? What's going to arise their curiosity

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if you try to show them the dangerous
weapon is by taking up shooting.

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That's a parental choice. It may have
some adverse effect, right? They may

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become intrigued with it. So in this gun
safety mindset that I have, and this is just

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advice, as I'm not trying to tell you how to parent, is if you have a
weapon in

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the home, let them know it's there,
but also let them know how dangerous

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they are. And try not to confuse and conflate education and safety with
fun and

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entertainment, okay? Because children, you
know, mature at different levels so

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you have to parent on what's gonna be best in your household ...

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what's gonna be best to your child's
maturity level and what's going to work

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for you as far as what you think they can handle, maturity wise.

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So one of the things if you have a
weapon, treat every weapon as if it

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were loaded. Never point the weapon at
anything you do not intend to shoot. Keep

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your finger straight and off the trigger
until you're ready to fire. Keep the

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weapon on safety until you intend to fire. Be certain of your target and your line of

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fire and what lies beyond your target. These are important rules. Even as a

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police officer, we go through these rules as we follow by twice a year to be

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reminded that there's a responsibility to having a weapon.

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There's liability associated with discharge of a weapon because whether

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it's unintentional whether it's negligent or intentional,

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wherever that bullet goes, you're responsible. Or can be civilly liable for

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anything that happens, okay? I mean, that's important to know because you can't say,

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"Well, something bad happened, some property damaged and I didn't mean to do it." You're

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responsible. Just as long as you know we are responsible anytime there's a

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discharge. It's a great responsibility to have, so if you're gun owner, you have

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to own it. Respect it. Be safe and understand the

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ramifications, understand the responsibilities and know that there's

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an importance between keeping a gun unloaded, keeping any ammunition

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separated and keeping the weapons stored
secured and inaccessible. Those are the

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key elements to having a safe weapon
in your home. If you have any questions

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I'm here, but again, if you own, it respect and

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certainly secure it. And if anyone is
interested, we do have available for you

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for free gun locks and some safe
storage information, some gun safety

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information that's available for you to
share with children. We have a

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safety pledge that you can have your
children sign and put it in their room

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to remind them if you have a weapon in
your home, even if they were to come in

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contact with the weapon at a friend's
house or something like that, they can

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pledge to being safe when it comes to
weapons. And also I caution parents to

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just to know who your children are
associating with. If you're children are

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going to a friend's house, contact a
parent. See if there are weapons in that

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house. See if they're secured and how
they're secured. So we need to get into

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making sure that not only our home is

safe, that wherever our children go and

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visit, is safe there as well, especially when it comes to firearms. Thank You. (Alison Brynelson speaking): Officer

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Travis, we really appreciate that information. As I said, this is Dee

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Reynolds. She's the domestic violence coordinator for the Mukilteo Police

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Department and she is going to be

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talking about what is an ERPO and she'll explain that. And when and how to

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obtain one. So let's give her a round of applause!

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(Dee Reynolds speaking:) Thank you for having me tonight. My name is Dee Reynolds.

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I am the domestic violence coordinator with Mukilteo Police Department. It is my

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role to contact every victim of domestic violence who reports any kind of crime

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within the Mukilteo jurisdiction. My goal is always to connect them with resources

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within our community, help walk them through the justice process and, in doing

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so, I spend an awful lot of time at the courthouse trying to help them get

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protection orders. So I'm excited to talk to you guys this evening about extreme risk

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protection orders. So what is an extreme risk protection order? It is a civil

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court order allowing family and household members as well as law enforcement

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agencies to petition the court to temporarily remove firearms from a

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person who poses an imminent risk of harm to themselves others. Very simple.

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Can do an awful lot so let's talk about that. ERPOs prohibit the respondent, so

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that would be the person we are trying to remove the weapons from, from

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accessing, receiving, purchasing, possessing or having any kind of control

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of firearms for up to one year. These ERPOs can prohibit the respondent from

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obtaining or maintaining the concealed weapons permit as well which I think is

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really important. And that's for up to a year. The respondent is immediately to

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surrender all of their firearms and any concealed weapon permits that they

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currently own. The ERPO is also entered into our state federal databases and so

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this is really wonderful, so if for any reason the respondent happens to be

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contacted by law enforcement, whether that be within our state or within

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another state, the information should be pulled up by that officer to show

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that that person is not eligible to be in possession of

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some kind of weapon or concealed weapons permit. So even if they try to go out of

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state, they should not be allowed to be able to get one. These ERPOs also allow

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the removal of the firearms without having to seek any kind of an arrest or

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a civil commitment. There's a few things ERPOs do not do, okay? So they cannot

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prohibit contact between parties. That's something that a more traditional style

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protection order handles. They cannot prohibit or exclude the respondent from

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being within a certain distance of certain person or location. That's, again,

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more of a traditional. And they cannot compel the respondent to any type of

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treatment, and I think that's really important that we're aware of that's

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something it does not do. There's a lot of other orders that do handle that so

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some of these are orders I handle an awful lot. So domestic violence

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protection orders is probably the top one I deal with.

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Anti-harassment orders, stalking protection orders, sexual assault

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protection orders, restraining orders which you will find in Family Court

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during divorce and custody battles. Criminal no contact orders you will see

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those are issued ... they are requested by the prosecutor for doing some kind of

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criminal act. And then a vulnerable adult protection order is also another one of

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that limits contact. The difference for that one is we can't get a weapons

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surrender for all those of other types of orders. We can prohibit contact as

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well as request weapons are surrendered, providing we have the Nexus to do so so.

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I just I really love this slide because it's a very clear picture here.

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Our traditional protection orders prohibit contact. Extreme risk protection

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orders only prohibit firearm possession. So RCW - this is the law that

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the ERPO is filed under - this is really great to see what the whole point of

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this legislation was so the ERPO laws are designed to provide a legal tool

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to intervene when there are warning
signs an individual is experiencing a

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temporary crisis, poses a risk of harm to
self or others, and possesses or has

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access to a gun. That is it. It is a tool
just like all our other protection

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orders. Studies have shown that
individuals who engage in dangerous

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behaviors are significantly more likely
to commit violence towards themselves or

0:20:09.990,0:20:13.740
others in the very near future and
individuals who, as a danger to

0:20:13.740,0:20:17.760
themselves or others, often exhibit
warning signs. And this is wonderful

0:20:17.760,0:20:21.240
because if we are ... we have the
education to know what some of these

0:20:21.240,0:20:25.410
warning signs may be, it really provides
us a great opportunity to intervene on

0:20:25.410,0:20:32.250
their behalf. So who can file for an
ERPO? Law enforcement agencies and

0:20:32.250,0:20:36.800
family and household members. So I think
law enforcement agencies, it's kind of

0:20:36.800,0:20:42.990
self-explanatory, but let's talk about
family and household members. So when

0:20:42.990,0:20:46.290
we're talking about family and household
members, we're talking some of the

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obvious things that would come to mind. So marital partners, domestic partners,

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people who have children in common. It doesn't matter if you're married or not,

0:20:53.910,0:20:56.400
it's a matter if you live together or not

0:20:56.400,0:21:01.220
That part is irrelevant. If you have a child in common, you can file for an ERPO.

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Dating partners absolutely can file, relatives blood or marriage, biological

0:21:08.100,0:21:13.279
or legal parent-child relationships. What I thought was great with these, that will include stepparents,

0:21:13.279,0:21:18.679
stepchildren, grandparents, grandchildren and, considering we're in age of very

0:21:18.679,0:21:24.409
blended families, I'm glad that that was inclusive. Adoptive relatives, legal

0:21:24.409,0:21:28.970
guardians, and I think the one that many people don't consider is roommates,

0:21:28.970,0:21:33.649
current or within a year. I think that's important when you start thinking

0:21:33.649,0:21:42.320
about kids who are going off to college. College roommates count, I would hope there wouldn't be

0:21:42.320,0:21:48.440
a firearm in a college dorm, but this could be done. So the steps for an ERPO ... You know when we when we start talking

0:21:48.440,0:21:52.879
about going into court a lot of people are overwhelmed by the process and so I'm

0:21:52.879,0:21:56.119
trying to break it down. And then we'll go into more definitely on some of these

0:21:56.119,0:22:00.609

points. So you obtained the paperwork or what you need you complete these forms.

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You will file that paperwork with the clerk's office and

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you will attend an ex parte hearing. I'll go more into that in a minute. And

0:22:10.100,0:22:15.799

then, if you are awarded the order on a temporary basis, it has to be

0:22:15.799,0:22:20.029

served by law enforcement because at the time of service, rips when the guns

0:22:20.029,0:22:25.730

will be seized. So they are removed and then you will go back full hearing which

0:22:25.730,0:22:30.230

is where you hope to obtain your one year and then you will revisit any

0:22:30.230,0:22:35.960

outstanding firearms in case any more have been found. And then we will serve

0:22:35.960,0:22:40.399

the full ERPO. And then we will monitor for a year. So let's talk about some of

0:22:40.399,0:22:45.980

these points in depth. Filing your petition this is the biggest, most

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important aspect we'll do. So we will obtain our documents

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there's a few places you can get them from. You can get them from online,

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so you can go to protectionorder.org and you can download them there. You can

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download it from our Washington Court systems. Their website is courts.wa.gov.

0:23:04.090,0:23:08.740
in the forms bank. And you would download it under the ERPOs.

0:23:08.740,0:23:13.150
You can also get them from any
courthouse. All courthouses will have the

0:23:13.150,0:23:18.100
documents if you want you can go contact
the clerk or they will provide them to

0:23:18.100,0:23:24.360
you. So when you go to file, technically,
you can file in any of our courts.

0:23:24.360,0:23:29.440
Absolutely. What will happen though is
when you go for your full-blown hearing

0:23:29.440,0:23:34.690
it will be transferred to Superior Court. So for ease, if you'd like to
file there,

0:23:34.690,0:23:39.340
you may. Although you can file at whatever
courthouse is most convenient to you. The

0:23:39.340,0:23:45.370
biggest caveat is that you have to file
in in the county that either you as the

0:23:45.370,0:23:49.810
petitioner reside in, or that the
respondent resides in. Whichever one you

0:23:49.810,0:23:55.450
guys want to work in. All protection
orders work in pretty much a two part

0:23:55.450,0:24:01.390
process, so once you file your paperwork
to provide it over to the clerk, the

0:24:01.390,0:24:06.790
judge immediately will go and begin
reading through that petition based on

0:24:06.790,0:24:11.170
strictly what that judge reads
in your paperwork. They will make an

0:24:11.170,0:24:16.960
immediate decision whether to grant you

your ERPO or not without hearing what

0:24:16.960,0:24:23.050

the respondent has to say. If he grants it, it's granted for two weeks. We will

0:24:23.050,0:24:26.720

serve it. Law enforcement will seize the weapons and any

0:24:26.720,0:24:31.460

concealed weapons permit licensing they may have and then you are given a new

0:24:31.460,0:24:36.409

court date for two weeks from that. At that point, the respondent gets the

0:24:36.409,0:24:41.330

opportunity to have his day in court to speak his or her piece of on the matter.

0:24:41.330,0:24:46.280

So you will face them in court and mind you when we are serving them with the

0:24:46.280,0:24:51.980

documents, they give every piece of paper you file, every piece of evidence, every

0:24:51.980,0:24:56.299

statement, be aware that all that information comes out. And that usually

0:24:56.299,0:25:00.230

causes a lot of feelings. People are very concerned about what they're saying

0:25:00.230,0:25:02.750

about others so please know it's going to happen

0:25:02.750,0:25:08.210

and there is no way we can prevent it. So once it is served we go back to the one

0:25:08.210,0:25:12.730

year one long hearing. At that point, the judge will listen to both sides,

0:25:12.730,0:25:17.659

questions will be answered, witnesses may or may not have an opportunity to speak.

0:25:17.659,0:25:22.580

And the judge will rule at that point whether to grant the ERPO for a one

0:25:22.580,0:25:28.580

year length of time or not. If they grant it and we are finding that

0:25:28.580,0:25:35.260

there are more guns, we will seize more guns. If not, we just move on and the

0:25:35.260,0:25:39.669

department that actually serves the ERPO will be in charge of storing the weapons

0:25:39.669,0:25:47.030

until the order expires. So very important, things you need to include in

0:25:47.030,0:25:54.130

your petition. Your goal is to paint a very clear picture for the judge to

0:25:54.130,0:26:00.049

convince him that there is a very real and imminent threat here and so you

0:26:00.049,0:26:04.100

really want to make sure that we're documenting what kind of guns

0:26:04.100,0:26:07.590

does this person have access to. If you're not someone

0:26:07.590,0:26:13.140

who's super familiar with weapons, the county has created a paper with

0:26:13.140,0:26:18.960

pictures of a lot of commonly styled guns so you're able to circle these

0:26:18.960,0:26:22.919

pictures and how many they may or may not have. You want to sit there and

0:26:22.919,0:26:28.289

include any information like how many if you have protection orders

0:26:28.289,0:26:31.679

with the respondent or if you know the respondent has protection orders with

0:26:31.679,0:26:37.230
other people, any kind of criminal
activity that you know about. You'd want

0:26:37.230,0:26:41.669
to include that in your petition whether
you're a party to that or not. You would

0:26:41.669,0:26:45.720
want to include that. You want to give
them a good picture of their criminal

0:26:45.720,0:26:49.860
background history. You definitely want
to let them know about any kind of acts

0:26:49.860,0:26:55.320
of domestic violence any kind of hate
crimes. You want to talk about any kind

0:26:55.320,0:26:58.799
of threats, and this is it's irrelevant
if you have contacted law enforcement

0:26:58.799,0:27:02.580
about this matter or not, you know. You
really just want to paint that picture.

0:27:02.580,0:27:07.110
If you have contacted law enforcement
about any of these things, you'll want to

0:27:07.110,0:27:10.770
document that as well. Any kind of case
numbers. So if you have any kind of

0:27:10.770,0:27:17.130
if they've done any threats, any attempts to
use force, stalking history, those are

0:27:17.130,0:27:20.669
really great things to include to let
the judge know about them. And you really

0:27:20.669,0:27:25.020
need to talk about how you feel and why
you are in the fear that they are gonna

0:27:25.020,0:27:28.110
hurt themselves or someone else. It's
really important for the judge to

0:27:28.110,0:27:33.330
understand that part. And then if you if

there is an element in here involving

0:27:33.330,0:27:37.539
any kind of drug or alcohol problem,
absolutely you want to document.

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If there's any criminal information
as far as any kind of DUI information

0:27:42.159,0:27:48.999
that would be, you know, pertinent to have.
We want to back up anything we can that

0:27:48.999,0:27:53.169
we are writing in our petition with
evidence. The judges are absolutely going

0:27:53.169,0:27:57.580
to want to see anything you have and
there's a lot of great resources you can

0:27:57.580,0:28:01.119
look to. If you have contacted law
enforcement, it doesn't matter if it

0:28:01.119,0:28:05.950
resulted in a criminal charge or not, the
report itself is important even if it

0:28:05.950,0:28:11.619
was just for documentary reasons. Text
messages, social media posts. Social media

0:28:11.619,0:28:16.749
is a wonderful resource for evidence. I
have to say, people unfortunately take an

0:28:16.749,0:28:20.919
awful lot of the photos and we will see
them posing photos with guns and that's

0:28:20.919,0:28:26.619
really a very good indicator for a judge
to look at that and say wow, this person

0:28:26.619,0:28:30.669
really does have access potentially. So
social media posts are good, photos are

0:28:30.669,0:28:36.369
great, medical records you can definitely
get your own. They will have to be sealed

0:28:36.369,0:28:41.080
so that will be something you'll have to
address. Witness statements ... sign and

0:28:41.080,0:28:47.830
sworn witnesses may not have the ability
to speak at your hearing due to the

0:28:47.830,0:28:51.399
calendar, how busy the judges are at that
time, if there's a lot of cases on the

0:28:51.399,0:28:55.749
docket that day. His or her
time will be limited so the best thing

0:28:55.749,0:29:00.369
you can do is bring your witness, but
also have their statement. So if they are

0:29:00.369,0:29:03.460
not able the judge says a lot of time
today I'm so sorry

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at least he has their written statement
so they can review that.

0:29:06.880,0:29:15.490
And that'll be better than nothing. So if
you violate an ERPO, there's,

0:29:15.490,0:29:20.260
you know, there's consequences for that. First and foremost, if you are
filing a

0:29:20.260,0:29:26.860
petition and you are providing any kind
of false information, you can absolutely

0:29:26.860,0:29:32.500
be held in for a crime on that. It could
be a gross

0:29:32.500,0:29:37.330
misdemeanor on that. Otherwise, if you
have an ERPO filed against you and you

0:29:37.330,0:29:41.950
are not supposed to be having any kind
of custody of weapons and you are found

0:29:41.950,0:29:46.750
to do so, you can also be held on a

criminal charge for that. So these are

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also usually gross misdemeanors, but if you start racking up a couple of them,

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they eventually bump up to felony level.

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ERPOs and minors ... I think a lot of people are very surprised to learn that

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an extreme protection risk order can be filed and against a minor under the age

0:30:05.440,0:30:10.090

of 18 as a respondent and I think that's very surprising to many people. I mean,

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there's a little bit of difference the process itself is this thing you're

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gonna file this to juvenile court because your respondent is a minor so

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that's absolutely the biggest difference. If they are under the age of 16 they are

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going to be appointed a guardian ad litem and the courts can also have the

0:30:29.170,0:30:33.850

records sealed for that. Parents have to be served the documents. Nobody can

0:30:33.850,0:30:37.070

sit there and try to get an ERPO against your child and not notify you,

0:30:37.070,0:30:42.110

so you have to be served as a parent with the documentation if the child

0:30:42.110,0:30:50.420

happens to be under DCF and they are also served. Parents are obligated to then

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secure and store any of their
firearms so their child is not able to

0:30:54.380,0:30:59.660
gain access and if they do not, they can
also be in trouble and looking at a

0:30:59.660,0:31:05.570
prosecution charge. Courts can
also the order of behavior health eval

0:31:05.570,0:31:09.410
if the respondent is a minor. If they are an adult, they cannot do that.

0:31:09.410,0:31:15.470
But a minor, it's a big difference and we can. Some of the red flags for
people

0:31:15.470,0:31:19.730
in crisis. This is not a comprehensive
list, but these are just some of the ones

0:31:19.730,0:31:24.890
that we do see. Any kind of a mental
health concern,

0:31:24.890,0:31:30.680
suicidal ideology, threats of self-harm,
odd interpersonal interactions,

0:31:30.680,0:31:35.380
diminished quality of thinking,
recklessness, crisis calls to police,

0:31:35.380,0:31:43.250
changes in hygiene and weight, that's
an indicator of impulsivity including abuse

0:31:43.250,0:31:47.960
of drugs or alcohol, firearm behavior and physical

0:31:47.960,0:31:51.830
aggression. So when we're talking about
prior acts of DV or other violent

0:31:51.830,0:31:56.659
incidents, so it's really important that
we try to familiarize ourselves as much

0:31:56.659,0:32:02.000
as possible with some of these red flags.
And this way you know as a community if

0:32:02.000,0:32:05.809

we see something you need to speak up. We really need to try to intervene on

0:32:05.809,0:32:10.149
behalf of the people who are who are
struggling in the moment so if you

0:32:10.149,0:32:15.889
recognize any of these behaviors, you
know, and we don't take any action, then

0:32:15.889,0:32:22.700
our opportunity to help them is missed. And that's a shame. Some

0:32:22.700,0:32:28.159
frequently questions I get I think one
really important one is the cost.

0:32:28.159,0:32:35.000
It's free. A lot of
our protection orders, it does actually

0:32:35.000,0:32:38.899
cost money to do some filing, but ERPOs
is one of the few that it does not, which

0:32:38.899,0:32:43.850
i think is great.
Can a judge deny a petition? Absolutely, if we

0:32:43.850,0:32:48.950
do not meet the burden of proof. If you have not proved that there is an
imminent and

0:32:48.950,0:32:55.460
real threat then he will deny the
petition. Can you renew it? Absolutely. You

0:32:55.460,0:33:01.009
can renew your order at
one year intervals. The petitioner has to

0:33:01.009,0:33:06.679
file within a hundred and five days
before it expires in order to do so. Can

0:33:06.679,0:33:12.409
a respondent terminate the order? They can try. They've got one shot at
the apple so

0:33:12.409,0:33:15.860
they can go and petition the court they
would have to prove to the court that

0:33:15.860,0:33:20.090
they are no longer a danger to
themselves or others and if

0:33:20.090,0:33:24.349
he believes that information to be true
and correct they can get their own

0:33:24.349,0:33:28.909
firearms back early
if not they have to wait until the very

0:33:28.909,0:33:34.639
end of the original of expiration date
and can I hire a lawyer absolutely

0:33:34.639,0:33:39.169
you can do that if you so choose it's
not a requirement so it's up to you

0:33:39.169,0:33:44.749
that's a personal choice it really comes
down to you know what you can and cannot

0:33:44.749,0:33:49.519
afford to do so don't feel like and that
should be a barrier because many people

0:33:49.519,0:33:53.539
have successfully been able to do it
without an attorney. And if you have any

0:33:53.539,0:33:56.809
other questions, and my contact
information is up there, please feel free

0:33:56.809,0:34:02.269
to call or, you know, shoot me an email if
you have any questions where I can be of

0:34:02.269,0:34:04.450
any help.

0:34:08.260,0:34:14.200
Alison Brynelson speaking: Thank you, Dee. We really appreciate the
Information. Next, we're going to call up

0:34:14.200,0:34:21.220
Judy and Erin to come up and
talk about moms demand action.

0:34:30.129,0:34:35.510
Erin Senge speaking: My name is Erin Senge and I am a
Part of a local group of moms

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demand action for gun sense in America.
We are a nonpartisan grassroots movement

0:34:41.960,0:34:45.950
of Americans fighting for public safety
measures that will protect people from

0:34:45.950,0:34:50.359
gun violence. We were there to pass
stronger gun laws of the close loopholes

0:34:50.359,0:34:55.159
that jeopardize the safety of our
families. We also work with

0:34:55.159,0:35:00.109
survivor networks to amplify the voices
of survivors in our communities and we

0:35:00.109,0:35:04.339
work with business leaders and our
community leaders to encourage a culture

0:35:04.339,0:35:07.760
of responsible gun ownership.
We know that gun violence is preventable

0:35:07.760,0:35:16.460
and we are committed to one of our most
important tools -- our education component.

0:35:16.460,0:35:22.119
We have 20 minute presentations
that we can give to any group today and

0:35:22.119,0:35:26.089
there's tables back there with some
information on those companies. The "one

0:35:26.089,0:35:29.869
thing you can do" campaign spreads
awareness of how to use states' red flag

0:35:29.869,0:35:33.829
laws like Washington's extreme risk
protection orders to temporarily

0:35:33.829,0:35:38.510
restrict arms access while someone is
in crisis. And our cause has been

0:35:38.510,0:35:43.460

successfully used to reduce armed
suicide by our domestic violence and to

0:35:43.460,0:35:50.869

prevent mass shootings. Since 2015 our
smart education campaign has reached

0:35:50.869,0:35:55.760

thousands of people to raise awareness
the responsible gun storage and save

0:35:55.760,0:36:01.640

children's lives. So smart stands for as
secure your firearms in homes and

0:36:01.640,0:36:07.369

vehicles and model responsible
behavior. A is ask about the presence of

0:36:07.369,0:36:12.619

arms where your children
are. R is Recognizing the role of guns, easy.

0:36:12.619,0:36:17.930

suicide and he tell your peers to be
smart for difficult households that lock

0:36:17.930,0:36:22.670

both firearms and ammunition separately
how to 7080 percent lower risk of

0:36:22.670,0:36:27.320

self-inflicted injuries among children
and teens and an 85 percent lower risk

0:36:27.320,0:36:32.570

of unintentional injury we know that
safe storage also prevents enough gun

0:36:32.570,0:36:36.260

owners are more likely three times more
likely to have a gun stolen if they've

0:36:36.260,0:36:41.119

carried it in the past month and a
quarter of the ones that are stolen are

0:36:41.119,0:36:51.880

stolen from vehicles and why is this
important in 2018 there were at least

0:36:51.880,0:36:57.350

193 unintentional shootings of children
resulting in 73 dozen that's more than

0:36:57.350,0:37:05.240
one a week and 129 injuries in 2019 and
18 there were 103 and 105 in incidents

0:37:05.240,0:37:09.680
of gunfire on school grounds nearly
doubled were previous years up from

0:37:09.680,0:37:16.850
between 50 and 68 each year
from 2013 to 2017 so we've seen in it

0:37:16.850,0:37:21.740
in the U.S. 13 million households with
children contain at least one gun and

0:37:21.740,0:37:27.200
4.6 million US children live in a home
with a gun that is unlocked and loaded.

0:37:27.200,0:37:32.810
In Washington state a 2018 survey found
that only one-third of gun owners are

0:37:32.810,0:37:37.160
storing their firearms
together loaded. Kids who take a

0:37:37.160,0:37:41.420
week-long safety course like the NRA
Eddie Eagle program are just as likely

0:37:41.420,0:37:45.230
as children with no training to approach
or play with a handgun. When they buy one

0:37:45.230,0:37:49.820
the majority of children know where they
live in their home stored. More than a

0:37:49.820,0:37:53.510
third of children reported handling
the gun in their home and a quarter of

0:37:53.510,0:37:57.830
parents were unaware that their child
held their firearm. 90 percent of

0:37:57.830,0:38:01.880
unintentional shooting deaths and
injuries of children under 15 under in

0:38:01.880,0:38:05.930

the home for children under 13 the majority of gun homicides occur in the

0:38:05.930,0:38:09.140
home in incidents of gunfire on school grounds.

0:38:09.140,0:38:14.990
78% of shooters under 18 and obtained the guns from their home or the home

0:38:14.990,0:38:19.520
our friends so responsibly storing her arms is crucial in protecting our kids

0:38:19.520,0:38:22.120
from gun violence.

0:38:23.160,0:38:26.850
So again the 20 minute presentations on one thing you can do

0:38:26.850,0:38:30.660
and be smart that we can give to any group of adults, church groups, parents,

0:38:30.660,0:38:36.330
Grandparents, groups at our schools, district staff, PTAs, PTOs, and we can

0:38:36.330,0:38:40.080
share the information and tools you can use to change the conversation, change

0:38:40.080,0:38:43.530
the culture, and protect our kids and communities from preventable gun

0:38:43.530,0:38:47.520
Violence. We have tables in the back full of information that you can look up at

0:38:47.520,0:38:52.579
Home. We're happy to coordinate a presentation for you.

0:38:52.579,0:38:56.960
Just one more if you're interested on

0:38:56.960,0:39:00.860
statistics like those that I've shared here, they're from

0:39:00.860,0:39:07.619

the presentations that you can also go to
the everytown website or

0:39:07.619,0:39:12.989
everytownresearch.org stats called
every town stats and they have all of

0:39:12.989,0:39:17.239
the statistics together.
Judy Waller speaking: Really,

0:39:20.440,0:39:24.070
and I don't really want to think about
the philosophical district because this

0:39:24.070,0:39:26.350
conversation has been going on for a
while.

0:39:26.350,0:39:30.970
I want to thank Tim Reeves for meeting
with him earlier and what I really

0:39:30.970,0:39:34.080
appreciate about what every town has
done, has taken something that seems so

0:39:34.080,0:39:40.150
just you can't do anything it's just so
you hear the stats here the kids are

0:39:40.150,0:39:46.240
dying see what happens when there's no
400 people that die, die by gun violence.

0:39:46.240,0:39:50.800
if those are just numbers that sometimes
don't seem comprehensible so I really

0:39:50.800,0:39:55.390
want to say thank you to the Mukilteo
school district for inviting us having

0:39:55.390,0:40:00.400
the conversation and for
them sharing the news with our

0:40:00.400,0:40:04.480
counselors and our administrators now
because I think the more that we educate

0:40:04.480,0:40:14.740
and we know that what's happening we can
make a difference and get violence. Alison Brynelson speaking: Thank

0:40:14.740,0:40:25.030
you, Judy and Erin. We really appreciate
the information. So with that I want to

0:40:25.030,0:40:30.280
end this wagon and thanking you for
coming tonight. We did give a survey

0:40:30.280,0:40:36.340
that Diane created to our community to
see what topics regarding safety people

0:40:36.340,0:40:40.960
would be interested in hearing next and
it looks like the one frontrunner that

0:40:40.960,0:40:45.520
came out is personal safety.
So Cindy started

0:40:45.520,0:40:50.710
working on that hopefully we'll get a
guest appearance presentation of

0:40:50.710,0:40:54.370
Mr. Reeves. He smiled at me, there's a
Possibility. He's got great stories

0:40:54.370,0:40:58.150
that's why I say.
But again, thank you so much for being

0:40:58.150,0:41:01.770
here today.