

PA ACT 79

Relinquishment of Firearms, Ammunition, and other Weapons

If you have been ordered, pursuant to any Temporary or Final Protection from Abuse order to relinquish Firearms, Ammunition or any other Weapons, and desire to relinquish any such items to the Allentown Police Department, please review the information contained below prior to reporting to the Allentown Police Department.

- If you are not a resident of the City of Allentown, it is preferred that you to relinquish your weapons to the Agency of jurisdiction where you reside, the Pennsylvania State Police, or the Sheriff's Office of your County whenever possible.
- Persons wishing to relinquish Firearms, Ammunition, or other Weapons pursuant to a PFA court order should report to:

**Allentown Police Department Patrol Station
1005 HAMILTON ST**

- **Please ensure that ALL firearms are UNLOADED prior to arriving at the Allentown Police Department.**
- Upon arrival at the Allentown Police Department Patrol Station, please enter the building using the Hamilton St doors, **WITHOUT YOUR FIREARMS OR ANY OTHER WEAPONS**. Please leave your firearms, ammunition, and any other weapons securely locked in your vehicle at this time.
- Please be prepared to present your IDENTIFICATION and a COPY OF YOUR PFA ORDER to the Officer, and state your desire to relinquish firearms and / or other weapons and ammunition.
- The accepting Officer will provide you further instruction at this time. DO NOT retrieve your firearms or weapons until instructed to do so.

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Return of Relinquished Firearms, Ammunition and other Weapons

If you relinquished your firearms, ammunition, and / or other weapons to the Allentown Police Department pursuant to a Temporary or Final Protection from Abuse order, you may request return of these items to you provided:

1. The Order requiring relinquishment is no longer active.
2. You are not a defendant in any other PFA, or any other Order, requiring relinquishment of firearms, ammunition, or other weapons.
3. You are not prohibited by State or Federal law from possessing a firearm for any reason.

The form to request return of relinquished items can be obtained in person at the Allentown Police Patrol Station located at 1005 Hamilton st, or printed here using the link below:

[Replace this text with a link to the Firearm Release Form.](#)

All returns will be handled by appointment only.

All returns will be handled by the Allentown Police Property and Evidence Unit. To make an appointment for the return of your relinquished items you must contact the Property and Evidence Unit at 610-437-7687.

Please complete Section A only of the Release Request Form prior to your appointment. You must also bring ID. It is also recommended that you bring the Receipt you were issued at the time you relinquished the items.

A Pennsylvania State Police background check will be performed via the Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) prior to the return of any relinquished item. No relinquished item(s) will be returned without successfully passing a PICS check.

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Continued:

It shall be your responsibility as the defendant to request the return of your items at the dismissal or expiration of the PFA Order consistent with the time requirements set forth in PA ACT 79.

If you fail to request the return of your relinquished items as set forth in PA ACT 79, the Allentown Police Department will attempt to contact you per the PA ACT 79 guidelines.

It shall be your responsibility as the defendant to update the Allentown Police Department Property and Evidence Unit with any change of address, phone#, or other contact information during the time your relinquished items are in the possession of the Allentown Police Department.

Failure to request return of your items, update your contact information with the Allentown Police Department, or respond to official notice by the Allentown Police Department as set forth in PA ACT 79, may result in destruction of the relinquished items.

Request to Transfer Relinquished Items to FFL for Sale.

If you relinquished your firearms, ammunition, and / or other weapons to the Allentown Police Department pursuant to a Temporary or Final Protection from Abuse order, and now wish to have those items transferred to a FFL Dealer consistent with PA ACT 79, you must contact the Allentown Police Department Property and Evidence Unit at 610-437-7687.