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## Firearm Danger in Domestic Violence

*VENTURA, California* – In recognition that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that illegal firearms represent a significant danger in domestic violence incidents.

An illegal firearm in a domestic violence household dramatically increases the risk of homicide. Even if it is never fired, a gun can be used to harass, threaten, and intimidate. It is unlawful for a person who has been convicted of a felony or a recent domestic violence charge, or who is subject to a restraining order, to possess a firearm. Firearm violations can be reported to your local police department or the ATF tip line at 1-800-ATF-GUNS (283-4867) or email [ATFTips@atf.gov](mailto:ATFTips@atf.gov). To learn more about safety planning around firearms, please visit <https://www.thehotline.org/resources/safety-planning-around-guns-and-firearms/>.



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