

## §2242. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**1. Court.** "Court" means a District Court in this State.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**2. Dangerous weapon.** "Dangerous weapon" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 9, paragraph C, including a firearm as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**3. Extreme risk protection order.** "Extreme risk protection order" means a written order issued pursuant to this chapter that prohibits and enjoins an individual from purchasing, possessing or receiving a dangerous weapon or having or attempting to have custody or control of a dangerous weapon.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**4. Family or household member.** "Family or household member" means a spouse or domestic partner of the respondent, a former spouse or former domestic partner of the respondent, an individual presently or formerly living with the respondent as a spouse of the respondent, a parent of a child of the respondent, an adult sibling of the respondent, an adult child of the respondent, a parent of the respondent or an adult presently living with the respondent.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**5. Law enforcement agency.** "Law enforcement agency" means a state, county, tribal, municipal or University of Maine System law enforcement agency. "Law enforcement agency" does not include a federal law enforcement agency.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**6. Law enforcement officer.** "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 2801-A, subsection 5. "Law enforcement officer" does not include a federal law enforcement officer.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**7. Petition.** "Petition" means a petition for an extreme risk protection order filed pursuant to this chapter.

[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**8. Petitioner.** "Petitioner" means a family or household member, a law enforcement agency or a law enforcement officer who files a petition for an extreme risk protection order pursuant to this chapter.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

**9. Respondent.** "Respondent" means an individual named in a petition for an extreme risk protection order filed pursuant to this chapter whose purchase, possession, receipt, custody or control of a dangerous weapon the petitioner seeks to restrain.  
[IB 2025, c. 1, §6 (NEW).]

## SECTION HISTORY

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