

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

Trista Martinson County Board Chair



Office of the Ramsey County Attorney

John J. Choi County Attorney

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ramsey County promotes safe firearm storage, harm prevention

Free gun locks available Countywide to prevent accidental shootings, domestic violence

Ramsey County leaders are teaming up with community members to reinforce a simple, but important message: safe gun storage saves lives. With school out for the summer and children spending more time at home, Ramsey County is joining with community partners to expand its work to make sure guns in homes are safely locked and stored away from children.

WHAT: Ramsey County Gun Safety Initiative

WHO: John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney

Trista Martinson, Ramsey County Board Chair

Shelley Johnson Kline, Saint Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse

Intervention Project

WHEN: Monday, June 17, 2024 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Ramsey County Attorney's Office

Press Room

360 Wabasha Street N. - Suite 100

Saint Paul, MN 55102

MORE: Ramsey County leaders are recommitting to its long-standing work to

educate residents through the <u>Ramsey County Gun Safety Initiative</u> that it launched in 2016. Whether the goal is preventing accidental shootings, suicide or <u>domestic violence</u>, the Gun Safety Initiative is designed to encourage all gun owners to lock and secure their firearms by making it easy for residents to pick up free gun locks at community-based locations. The

for residents to pick up free gun locks at community-based locations. The Initiative is a partnership between the Ramsey Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office and Public Health Department to educate families about the need for safe gun storage through access to free gun locks across the County via

community-based partners.

Media should arrive no later than 12:45 pm.

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