

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

> Trista Matascastillo County Board Chair

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MEDIA ADVISORY

County leaders to call for action on gun safety

State and federal legislators called on to act to prevent more mass shootings, support violence prevention and mental health services. Residents asked to lock and secure guns to keep children safe.

- WHAT: Ramsey County Safe at Home & in Community Media Event
- WHO: Trista MatasCastillo, Ramsey County Board Chair Sara Hollie, Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health Director John J. Choi, Ramsey County Attorney
- WHEN: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 9 a.m.
- WHERE: Ramsey County Attorney's Office 345 Wabasha Street N. - Suite 120 Saint Paul, MN 55102
- MORE: County leaders will discuss the public health crisis resulting from gun violence, measures the county supports as part of its legislative platform to prevent mass shootings, and prevention and mental health resources. With school out for the summer and children spending more time at home, Ramsey County is also joining with community partners to expand its work to make sure guns in homes are safely locked and stored away from children.

The <u>Ramsey County Gun Safety Initiative</u> 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 county is expanding the locations where gun locks are available.

Media should arrive no later than 8:45 am.

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