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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ramsey County promotes safe firearm storage, harm prevention

Free gun locks available Countywide to prevent accidental shootings, suicide prevention

In recognition of the urgent need to prevent firearm-related suicides and accidental shootings involving children, local leaders, public safety officials, and mental health advocates will gather to highlight the importance of using gun locks and practicing safe firearm storage. Firearm suicide remains a leading cause of death in Minnesota and across the nation. Additionally, access to firearms by children too often leads to tragedy. Proper firearm storage — including the use of gun locks — is a proven method to help save lives.

WHAT: Ramsey County Gun Safety Initiative

WHO: John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney
Amy Caron, Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health Director
Jeremy Bolen, Commander, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
Sue Abderholden – National Alliance on Mental Illness – Minnesota Chapter
Tara Jebens-Singh, Ramsey County Commissioner

WHEN: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.
Media should arrive no later than 12:15 pm.

WHERE: Shoreview Library
4560 Victoria Street North
Shoreview, MN 55126

MORE: Ramsey County leaders are recommitting to its long-standing work to engage residents through the [Ramsey County Gun Safety Initiative](#) that it launched in 2016. A partnership between the Ramsey Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office and Public Health Department, the Gun Safety Initiative educates families about the need for safe gun storage through access to free gun locks across the County [via community-based partners](#). Whether preventing accidental shootings, [suicide](#) or domestic violence, the Gun Safety Initiative encourages all gun owners to lock and secure their firearms.

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