

MEDIA RELEASE

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Kane County Offers Free Firearm Restraining Order Training for Residents Concerned About Gun Safety at Home

The Kane County Health Department, in partnership with Family Service Association of Greater Elgin, is hosting a series of free virtual trainings to educate residents about Illinois Firearm Restraining Orders (FROs), a legal tool that can temporarily prevent someone from accessing firearms when they may be at risk of harming themselves or others.

This training is especially important for residents who live with someone who owns a gun and are concerned about that person's safety or the safety of others due to mental distress, instability, or crisis. FROs provide a pause, giving families and communities time to seek support, prevent harm, and save lives.

What You Will Learn

Participants in the Saving Lives with Firearm Restraining Orders webinar series will learn:

- How safe firearm storage practices can reduce risk by limiting access for at-risk individuals, helping prevent accidental injury, self-harm, and misuse during times of crisis
- How FROs work under Illinois law, including eligibility and petitioning procedures
- How to recognize warning signs of self-harm or risk to others
- How the legal process works, including emergency orders, hearings, and enforcement

Who Should Attend

- Community members living with someone who owns a gun and worry about their safety or the safety of others
- Healthcare providers, school staff, domestic violence and mental health advocates, legal professionals
- Any concerned resident who wants to understand how FROs can help prevent firearm-related harm

Event Details and Registration

Training sessions are offered in English and Spanish, with multiple dates and times to accommodate participants.

- December 19, 2025, 12pm - 1pm
- January 8, 2026, 6pm - 7pm (in Spanish)
- January 20, 2026, 12pm - 1pm
- February 5, 2026, 6pm - 7pm
- February 17, 2026, 12pm - 1pm (in Spanish)
- March 5, 2026, 6pm - 7pm
- March 24, 2026, 12pm - 1pm

RSVP through the Kane County Health Department website to receive the Zoom link:

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/FRO.aspx>