

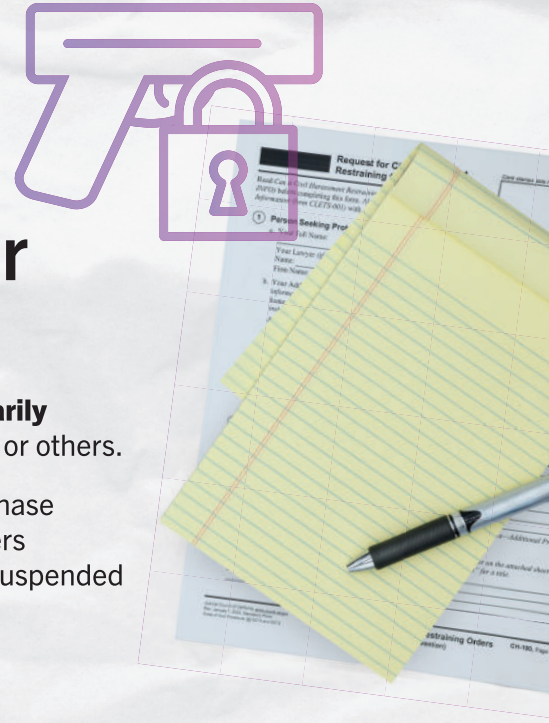
## What is a FRO?

# A Firearm Restraining Order

## What Does a Firearm Restraining Order Do?

A Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) is a civil court order used to **temporarily** remove firearms from someone who is a potential danger to themselves or others.

If a FRO is issued, the person it was filed for cannot legally have or purchase firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts. The individual's Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card or Conceal and Carry (CCL) License are also suspended for a certain amount of time.



## Why Might Someone Need a FRO?

Consider filing for a FRO, if someone you know has a firearm and:

- Possesses their firearm illegally
- Acts recklessly or carelessly with firearms
- Uses or attempts to use physical force against someone
- Has been arrested for a felony
- Uses drugs or alcohol excessively
- Is threatening violence towards others or themselves
- Is violating a temporary protection order

## How Do You File for a FRO?

Only certain people can formally ask (or petition) for a FRO. Examples include:

- Spouse or former spouse
- Parent
- Child or stepchild
- A blood relative
- Someone who lives with the person

If you're not sure if you can ask for a FRO or if your situation meets the criteria, reach out to local law enforcement.

## Where Do You Get a FRO in Illinois?

A FRO can be filed with the circuit clerk in the county where the person you want the FRO for lives OR any county where something unsafe happened (in the list above) with the person and a firearm.



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