

HOW A FIREARM RESTRAINING ORDER WORKS



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File a petition for a Firearm Restraining Order (FRO) with the circuit court in the county where the respondent resides or where the threatening incident occurred.

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The same day or next day the court determines if an emergency FRO will be issued. If issued, the person must temporarily hand over all firearms in their possession and their FOID card.

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The judge holds a final hearing within **14 days** to determine if the person poses a significant danger of personal injury to themselves or others.

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Finally, the judge makes a decision.

A

Issue final order: Person prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms for up to a year.

B

Deny the order: Any firearms surrendered under the emergency order are returned.