

Keeping Your Home Safe:

Secure Firearm Storage Tips for Families



Protect What Matters Most

Unsecured firearms in the home pose significant risks, especially to children and teens. Proper storage can prevent accidents, suicides, and theft.

Why Safe Storage is Essential

- **Prevent Accidental Injuries:** Children are naturally curious. Unsecured firearms can lead to tragic accidents.
- **Reduce Suicide Risks:** Adolescents with access to firearms are at a higher risk of suicide.
- **Deter Theft:** Stolen firearms often end up in crimes. Secure storage keeps them out of the wrong hands.

Best Practices for Firearm Storage

- **Unload Firearms:** Always store firearms unloaded.
- **Use Locking Devices:** Use gun safes, lock boxes, or trigger locks.
- **Separate Ammunition:** Store ammunition in a separate, locked location.
- **Educate Family and Friends:** Discuss the importance of firearm safety openly with all household members and family members or friends whose home your children may visit. Make sure they know that storing firearms securely is important to you and the safety of your children.

Resources & Support

- **Free Safety Kits:** Project ChildSafe offers free gun locks and safety materials. Explore all at projectchildsafe.org/get-a-safety-kit/
- **Local Programs:** Contact your local health department or law enforcement agency for resources.

Storage Options

- **Cable Locks:** Devices that prevent a firearm from being fired.
- **Trigger Locks:** Block the trigger mechanism.
- **Lock Boxes:** Portable and secure, ideal for handguns.
- **Gun Safes:** Offer a secure way to store one or more firearms and/or ammunition.

Take the Safety Quiz!

Assess your firearm storage habits and learn more at Project ChildSafe Assessment Quiz:
<https://bit.ly/childsafe-quiz>



**Remember: Safe storage saves lives.
Make it a priority.**