

Firearm Safety

Gun Safety Rules

Firearms Handling & Storage

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded
- Always keep your finger off the trigger/outside of the trigger guard until you intend to firearm the weapon
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- Wear appropriate eye and ear protection when shooting
- If there are children in your home, use appropriate locks on your firearm and/or keep firearms locked in a secure location accessible to adults only.
- Familiarize yourself with and obey all federal, state, and local laws regarding the purchase, possession, carrying, use, storage, and disposition of firearms

Clearing/Unloading a Firearm

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction AND keep your finger off the trigger/outside of the trigger guard
- Remove the magazine/cylinder/tube/etc.

 Open the breech and visually and physically ensure that the chamber is empty.

Safe Gun Storage

Lock It Up

- If you own a gun, keep it locked up.
 Firearms should be stored unloaded and out of the reach of children
- Store ammunition separately from firearms
- Invest in trigger locks/safes for firearms

Gun Lock Safety Tips

- Keep cables and locks outside of the trigger guard
- Always push cables into padlocks and ensure it locks securely
- Store keys to gun locks in a secure location
- Be sure the key is inaccessible to unauthorized people
- Do not operate the firearm in any way while the lock is in place
- If the locks protective coating becomes damaged, replace the entire lock

Semi Auto Pistols

With the slide locked in the open position and the magazine removed, insert the cable end of a cable lock through the ejection port and out of the magazine well.

TO LOCK: Push the open end of the cable into the lock and turn the key. Remove the key and ensure the lock is secure.

Revolvers

With the cylinder open, insert the cable end of a cable lock through the barrel or through the cylinder.

TO LOCK: Push the open end of the cable into the lock and turn the key. Remove the key and ensure the lock is secure.

Bolt Action Rifles

Open the bolt and remove the magazine. Insert the cable end of a cable lock through the ejection port and out of the magazine well.

OR

Remove the bolt and insert the cable end of a cable lock through the breech end and out of the back.

TO LOCK: Push the open end of the cable into the lock and turn the key. Remove the key and ensure the lock is secure.

Auto Loading and Pump Action Shotguns

With the bolt in the locked open position, or the pump slid to the rear, insert the cable end of a cable lock through the ejection port and out of the loading port.

TO LOCK: Push the open end of the cable into the lock and turn the key. Remove the key and ensure the lock is secure.

Lever Action Rifle

With the magazine empty, close the action and wrap the cable around the stock and lever in a manner which secures to lever from opening.

TO LOCK: Push the open end of the cable into the lock and turn the key. Remove the key and ensure the lock is secure.

Keeping Children Safe

The Facts

- Children often know exactly where their parents' store their firearms.
- Most children can't reliably distinguish between real and toy guns, or fully understand the consequences of their actions.
- Some gun owners with children in the home leave their guns loaded and unsecured.
- Unintentional shooting deaths of children often occur in the home.

What Can You Do?

- Educate your children about the dangers of firearms
- Educate your children about safe firearm practices
- Tell your children to stay away from any firearms if they encounter them

Tips to Tell Your Kids

If your kids are to happen upon a gun they should:

- Never touch the gun
- Move away from the gun
- Alert an adult

With appropriate instruction and direction, shooting can be an enjoyable sport for both yourself and your children.

If possible, teach your children about firearm safety before bringing firearms into your home.

Please reach out with any questions concerning firearm safety, safe storage, safety concerning children, or any other questions you may have.

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