



Gun Safety:

Make Your Home a Safe Haven

Keeping firearms securely stored helps protect your family, especially children, and reduces risk during stressful times.

Safe storage saves lives.

Having access to a firearm greatly increases the risk of death from domestic violence or suicide.

Firearms are a leading cause of death among children in the United States.

Over the past decade, firearm suicide rates among 10- to 14-year olds have increased sharply.

! If you keep a gun by your bed and have young children, store it unloaded and keep ammunition separate.

! Help others find safe storage for firearms. Options include armories and law enforcement programs.

Find free safety resources

Free gun locks and safety resources may be available through:

- » Local law enforcement agencies
- » Fire departments
- » Installation Family Advocacy Program offices
- » Military OneSource

Reach out to your installation or local community resources to learn more.

How to store firearms safely

- » Keep firearms **unloaded** when not in use.
- » Store firearms in a **locked location**, such as a safe or lockbox.
- » Keep **ammunition stored separately** from the firearm.
- » Use a **gun lock or cable lock** for added protection.

Read more about additional resources and firearm safety at www.MilitaryOneSource.mil.

