



Here are some common devices you can use to safely store a gun, demonstrated with a semi-automatic pistol, a typical handgun.

Devices for other types of firearms, like rifles or shotguns, might look a little bit different but function in the same way.

Gun safes

- Keep firearms securely locked inside
- Can secure multiple firearms of different sizes at once
- Use a variety of locking technologies, including combinations, keys, and biometric technology (such as fingerprint recognition)



The safest way to store a gun is:

- Unloaded
- Locked up using a safe storage device
- Separate from ammunition
- With the keys and combinations to firearm locking devices inaccessible to children, unauthorized users, or others at risk

By keeping guns out of the wrong hands, safe gun storage can be lifesaving.



For more information on safe firearm storage, scan below:



Safe Firearm Storage

When there are firearms in the home, keeping them locked up reduces the risk of injury and death for everyone who spends time there.

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Lock boxes

- Can secure guns using various locking technologies: combinations, keys, and biometric technology (such as fingerprint recognition)
- Allow quick access to firearms, especially if they use biometric technology or quick-access combination locking
- May be preferred by people who own guns for protection and want to keep guns quickly accessible and store them safely

Firearms stored in lock boxes should be stored unloaded, with ammunition locked up elsewhere.



Cable locks

- Inexpensive
- Work by inserting a steel cable through the gun's firing mechanism and then locking to prevent the gun from being fired. On the handgun shown below, the cable is inserted through the magazine well and out the action
- Available for free from some gun shops, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies

Firearms must be unloaded to use a cable lock.



Trigger locks

- Inexpensive
- Work by inserting a steel post through the gun's trigger guard and locking it in place to physically block the trigger from being pulled

It's important to make sure the gun is unloaded when using a trigger lock. Putting a trigger lock on a loaded gun could cause it to fire.

