## Safe Storage is Important

Unsecured firearms put lives at risk. This is especially true for children and individuals in crisis. Safe storage is one of the best ways to protect your loved ones.

## STORE YOUR GUNS:

- ✓ Unloaded

- ✓ Locked

- ✓ Away from Ammo

In the United States:

**GUN VIOLENCE** is a leading cause of premature death.

**FIREARMS** are the leading cause of death for children and teens.

### A GUN IN THE HOME

INCREASES RISK OF SUICIDE DEATH

**300%**

INCREASES RISK OF DEATH IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION

**500%**

**4.6 MILLION KIDS** live in homes with unlocked, loaded guns

MORE THAN **300** children unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else annually.

# SAFE STORAGE SAVES LIVES

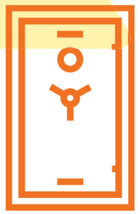
GUN STORAGE IN NEW YORK STATE

## How To Keep Loved Ones Safe

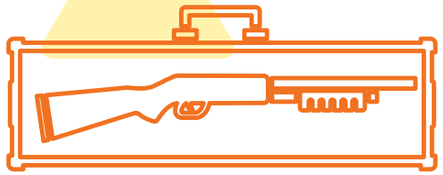
Learn more about safe gun storage, responsible gun ownership and how to protect children from firearms.

# SAFE STORAGE OPTIONS

**GUN SAFE**

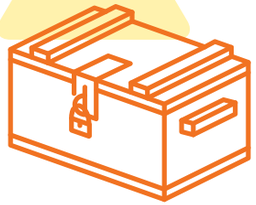


**GUN CASE**



**TRIGGER LOCK**

**LOCK BOX**



**CABLE LOCK**

## VEHICLE STORAGE

Any handgun or long gun in a vehicle **must be unloaded and locked in a storage container**: for example, a plastic or aluminum hard-sided case or safe, not the glove box. The container must be hidden from view.

**At least one gun is stolen from a car in the United States, most frequently from one parked at home.**

**Get tips on how to be a responsible gun owner:**

**gunsafety.ny.gov**

## GUN STORAGE AND SUICIDE

Easy access to guns can turn a moment of crisis into a deadly event.

Storing firearms safely can help prevent suicide.

**Call or text 988,** or chat at **988lifeline.org** if you or someone you know needs to talk.

## EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER (ERPO)

If someone you know is in crisis and has access to a firearm, consider an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO). An ERPO temporarily prevents individuals from having firearms if they pose a risk of harming themselves or others.

**Call 911** if there is an emergency.

Visit **nycourts.gov** to learn more.

## ALWAYS LOCK YOUR GUN

Use a cable or trigger lock.

## STORE GUNS UNLOADED

Keep them in a locked safe only you can access.

## STORE AMMO SEPARATELY

Secure it away from your guns in a locked container.

## PROTECT KEYS AND CODES FOR SAFES

Store them out of children's reach.

## TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT GUN SAFETY

"Guns are not toys." "Guns should never be handled without adult supervision."

## REPORT A STOLEN OR LOST GUN

Notify authorities immediately.

## KNOW THE LAW

Stay up to date about firearm laws and how to store firearms safely.

## TRANSPORT GUNS SAFELY

Unload and lock your gun in a storage container when traveling in a vehicle.

## CONSIDER A DIFFERENT STORAGE LOCATION

Check the New York Firearm Storage Map for out of home solutions.

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