

FIREARM SAFETY



WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE FIREARMS IN YOUR HOME

Securing your firearms should be a priority, even if you don't have children at home. Securing your firearm decreases the chances of theft and the risk that it may be used in other crimes. Safely storing a firearm and using a firearm safety device can also eliminate or minimize the risk of unintentional death, injury, or damage caused by improper handling of firearms.

HOW TO SAFELY STORE YOUR FIREARM:

- Storage methods include keyed locks, combination locks, lock boxes, and firearm safes.
- Keep the keys out of reach of children and where others cannot find them.
- Store ammunition in a separate, securely locked container.
- Use a firearm safety device such as a trigger lock or a cable lock.

BASIC FIREARM SAFETY RULES

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you have made the decision to fire.
- Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to shoot.
- Know your target, your target's environment, and any other safety hazard before you fire.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

CHILDREN AND GUN SAFETY

Teach children that guns need to be used safely and responsibly. Remember that hiding a gun is not enough, it needs to be locked up.

- Keep guns locked and out of reach of children.
- Store ammunition and guns separately.
- Never leave a gun out.
- Tell your kids to never touch a gun or gun parts inside the home.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO FOLLOW THESE FOUR STEPS IF THEY SEE A GUN:

- Stop
- Don't Touch
- Leave the Area
- Tell an Adult

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Emergency/Crime in Progress
Dial 9-1-1

Report a Crime/Suspicious Activity
Dispatch Center: (307) 637-6525

24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line
(307) 638-8477

General Department Requests
(307) 637-6500