

FIREARMS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HOMESM

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Accidents involving firearms in the home have decreased significantly over the last 20 years, according to the National Safety Council.

By strictly following the common-sense rules listed in this brochure, parents and children can prevent firearms accidents in the home and ensure that this downward trend continues. All you have to do is act responsibly and insist that other members of your family do the same.

Firearms Responsibility

As a firearms owner, you are responsible for knowing how to properly handle your firearm(s) and how to secure your firearm(s) in a safe manner in your home. This brochure underscores the responsibilities each and every one of us must accept when we bring firearms into our homes.

If for any reason you feel uncomfortable with or are unable to accept these responsibilities, we strongly urge you not to own a firearm.

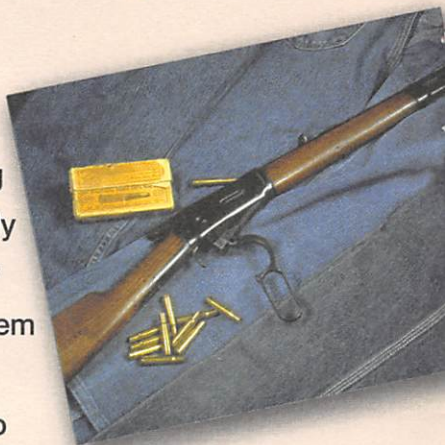
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Home

Rules for **safe storage** of **sporting**

ALWAYS

unload sporting firearms carefully and completely before taking them into the home, remembering to

keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Never load a sporting firearm in the home.



ALWAYS make absolutely sure that firearms in your home are securely stored out of the reach of children. Unloaded firearms can be secured with a firearm locking device to make them inoperable. Unloaded firearms also can be stored in a locked cabinet, safe, firearm vault or storage case.

ALWAYS store ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms and out of the reach of children.

Storage of firearms

ALWAYS clean and place firearms in their proper storage location immediately after returning from a hunting trip or a day at the range.

ALWAYS re-check firearms carefully and completely to be sure that they are still unloaded when you remove them from storage. Accidents have occurred when a family member has borrowed or loaned a firearm and returned it to storage while it was still loaded.

REMEMBER:

You are responsible for making certain the firearms in your home are not casually accessible to anyone — especially curious young people.

FIREARMS ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME can be prevented simply by making sure that firearms are kept unloaded and safely stored, with ammunition secured in a separate location.

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More than 40 million Americans enjoy using rifles, shotguns and handguns for hunting and target shooting. When these firearms are not being used, they must be safely and securely stored. This is where firearms responsibility in the home begins — and ends.

Options to help you safely store your firearm include using a:

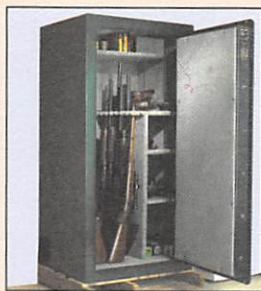
FIREARM LOCK
(trigger or cable)



FIREARM CASE



FIREARM SAFE



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IMPORTANT:

A firearm locking device is intended only to deter access to a firearm by unauthorized persons, particularly children. A firearm locking device is not intended to withstand forced entry by someone determined to defeat the lock by using tools or other aggressive means. A firearm locking device should be considered as only one element of a safe storage program for firearms.

Check municipal, county, state and federal law for any requirements about safe storage of firearms and ammunition, as well as requirements about having loaded firearms and the discharge of firearms in your community.

ALWAYS make absolutely sure that firearms in your home are securely stored and inaccessible to children.

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THE DECISION TO MAINTAIN SELF-PROTECTION IS A SE

The decision to maintain a firearm in the home for self-protection is a serious, personal matter. Any added safety benefit gained from owning a firearm depends in large measure on the owner's having appropriate training and clear understanding of safe handling and storage rules. Factors such as individual temperament, reaction to emergency situations, specific family circumstances and support for your having a firearm in the home from other adults in the household must be considered.

If you feel the need for quick access to a loaded firearm in your home, you must take special safety measures. Keeping a firearm to defend your family makes no sense if that same firearm puts family members or visitors to your home at risk.

In keeping a firearm for home security, your objective should be to have the firearm readily available to you, yet not accessible to others. Special lockable cases that can be quickly opened by authorized individuals are options to consider.



For Home security

**A FIREARM IN THE HOME FOR
A SERIOUS, PERSONAL MATTER.**

You must exercise full control and supervision over a loaded firearm at all times. This means the firearm must be unloaded and placed in secure storage whenever you leave your home. Secure ammunition separately.

Fatal home firearms accidents can occur when children discover firearms that adults thought were safely hidden or out of reach.

RESPONSIBLE:

Your most important responsibility is ensuring that children cannot encounter loaded firearms. The precautions you take must be effective. Anything less invites tragedy and is a serious violation of your responsibility as a firearm owner.



**YOUR HOME WILL BE
AS SAFE AS YOU
CHOOSE TO MAKE IT.**

safe home checklist

- ✓ Firearms kept for security reasons are fully controlled at all times.
- ✓ Firearms are securely stored in a location inaccessible to children and other unauthorized persons.
- ✓ Sporting firearms are unloaded before they are brought into the home and never loaded while in the home.
- ✓ Sporting firearms are immediately cleaned and placed in secure storage when they are returned from hunting or target shooting.
- ✓ When firearms are removed from storage, they are always carefully checked to confirm that they are unloaded.
- ✓ Ammunition is stored under lock and key, separately from firearms.
- ✓ The owner's manual that came with the firearm must be read and understood.