

Safe Gun Storage Saves Lives

Your choice. Their safety.





SAFE GUN STORAGE CHECKLIST

- Firearms are stored using a safe gun storage device.
- Access to stored firearms is restricted from unauthorized persons at all times.
- Keys to all locking devices are in a place that children and unauthorized users cannot access.
- Safe storage of firearms is practiced at all times.
- I understand my legal responsibilities as a firearm owner.

RESOURCES:

Suicide information and prevention:
www.knowresolve.org

Suicide and crisis lifeline: Dial 988

Youth violence prevention: www.youth.gov

NRA Safe Storage Recommendations:
www.nrafamily.org/content/5-tips-to-safely-store-your-guns

Macomb County Community Mental Health: (586) 307-9100

Free gun locks: Available through Michigan's local law enforcement agencies, health departments, and community partners. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/FirearmSafety.

Requirements of Michigan's Safe Storage Law for Firearm Owners (MCL 28.429)



At any time and in any location, when the firearm is unattended and you know or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to be present, do at least ONE of the following:

- Store the firearm in a locked box or container.
- Keep the firearm unloaded and lock the firearm with a locking device that is properly engaged to render the firearm inoperable.

When in a motor vehicle, do the same but also lock the vehicle.

Please be aware of the criminal consequences to the firearm owner for failing to follow safe storage laws as outlined above:

If a minor obtains the firearm and

- possesses or exhibits the firearm in a public place or possesses or exhibits the firearm in the presence of another person in a careless, reckless, or threatening manner, it is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days imprisonment or a \$500.00 fine.
- the firearm is discharged and inflicts injury upon the minor or any other individual, it is a felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison or a fine up to \$5,000.00, or both.
- the discharge inflicts serious impairment of a body function upon the minor or any other individual, it is a felony punishable up to 10 years in prison or a fine up to \$7,500.00, or both.
- the discharge inflicts death upon the minor or any other individual, it is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison or a fine up to \$10,000.00, or both.

There are exceptions to the law. Penalties do not apply if the minor obtains a firearm with the permission of the minor's parent or guardian and uses or possesses the firearm while the minor is under the supervision of the minor's parent, guardian, or any individual who is 18 years of age or older and who is authorized by the person's parent or guardian.

Minors may also use or possess a firearm during employment, ranching, farming, or target practice. With the permission of the minor's parent or guardian, a minor may use or possess the firearm for hunting if the minor follows all applicable hunting laws. Additionally, criminal penalties will not result in the event a minor obtains a firearm while lawfully acting in self-defense or defense of another or if the minor obtained the firearm through unlawful entry of any premises or motor vehicle where the firearm was stored.

THE 1-2-3's OF SAFE GUN STORAGE

1 Store firearms in a gun safe or use properly engaged gun locks.

2 Do not share your safe combination and keep gun lock keys secure.

3 Lock the doors of any vehicle containing your safely secured firearm.



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