FIREARM SAFE STORAGE

Safe Storage of your firearms to a place outside your household can reduce the availability and immediate access to lethal means for people in crisis. It will help prevent suicide or self-harm, is voluntary and allows you to retrieve the firearm when the crisis has passed.

- After seeking support from their physician or health care provider, many families ask what they can do to protect loved ones who may be struggling with depression or other serious mental illness.
- In some instances, safe storage of firearms in the home may not be enough to remove the risk.
- For gun-owning families, there are many options for lowering the risk of harm by moving firearms out of the home.
- Options include the temporary storage of firearms in an out-of-home safe storage location. A trusted adult outside the household can lock and safely store firearms.

Why Use Safe Storage

By being proactive about firearm safety and access, you can protect yourself and loved ones from firearm injury or suicide.

How To Use Safe Storage

- The Washington Firearm Safe Storage Map shows gun shops, shooting ranges and police stations where you can temporarily store firearms outside of your home.
- Call ahead to learn the exact process for bringing your firearm in for storage.

As a range and gun shop owner in Washington, we are strong proponents of gun safety and safe storage. Offering temporary storage for the benefit of fellow gun owners should be a standard of service by all in the gun industry.

– Gun range and store owner, Washington State

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