Dementia & Firearm SAFETY
What is Dementia?

There are many different forms of Dementia, all referring to problems with the brain. Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) is an early change in the brain that may eventually lead to Dementia but sometimes resolves.

Is Alzheimer’s Disease the same as MCI?¹

MCI is not as severe as Alzheimer Disease (AD), the most common form of Dementia or other AD-related dementias (ADRD).

People living with MCI are more likely to develop AD or ADRD, but sometimes the condition may improve or remain the same.

10 Early Signs of Alzheimer's Disease or other Dementia:

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images & spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things & losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgement
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood & personality

2 Memory Loss & 10 Early Signs of Alzheimer's (alz.org)
Resources:

1 ➤ Three interventions Toolkit
FREE Digital Toolkit featuring three interventions to address firearm injury and death.

2 ➤ Firearm Life Plan
Developed by the University of Colorado to help people think about important questions related to firearms and to protect their families from the burden of making difficult decisions without guidance.

3 ➤ Forefront LEARN®
Provides steps to take to immediately make your home and community safer, and guidance on what to do if you’re faced with supporting someone who may be considering suicide.
Includes webinars, videos, trainings, and other resources.

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