



**Maryland law PROHIBITS loaded firearms from being stored or left where an unsupervised minor has access.**

**Take these simple steps to protect children and prevent tragedy.**

- › Store and lock firearms unloaded.
- › Store and lock ammunition separately from firearms--every time.
- › Make sure keys and combinations to gun safes are not accessible to minors or anyone at risk of violence against self or others.
- › If someone is in crisis in the household, temporarily remove firearms from your home.
- › Avoid storing firearms unattended in vehicles to prevent theft.

***Make Maryland a safe place for children.***

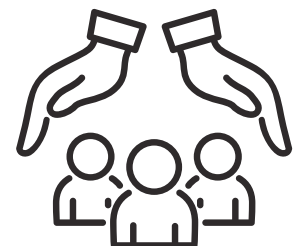
**IT'S THE LAW.**

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## Safety is YOUR Responsibility!

There are several ways to safely secure and store a firearm. Choose the way that works best for you.



### Device Cable Lock

(Free—\$50) The device blocks the chamber to prevent firing. It typically requires a key or combination to unlock and is usable on most firearms. This method prevents a person from using the gun without removing the cable.



### Lock Box

(\$25-\$350) Small safe used to store handguns/small firearms. Typically, it requires a key, combination, or fingerprint to unlock the box. Lockboxes can be permanently mounted in a home to prevent theft.



### Trigger Lock

(\$5-\$50) Two-piece lock that fits over the trigger guard and typically requires a key or combination to unlock. It blocks the trigger but does not prevent a loaded gun from being fired. This method is not usable on lever-action firearms.



### Safe

(\$100–\$2,500) A safe is able to store a variety of firearms and typically requires a key, combination, or fingerprint to unlock. A safe is the best option to secure multiple firearms, and to prevent theft.

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<https://health.maryland.gov/bha/Documents/MDH%20FirearmSafeStorage%26YouthSuicidePrevention.pdf>