

STORING FIREARMS SAFELY

**Tips from the Experts at
the National Shooting Sports Foundation
and Sentry® Gun Safes**

Keeping Families Safe And Firearms Secure

(NAPSA)—Though laws regarding the purchase and possession of firearms vary from state to state, basic safety precautions to keep guns secure and out of the hands of children are universal.

1. Unloaded firearms should be stored in a locked gun safe, gun vault or storage case. A locked storage case should be kept in a location inaccessible to children.

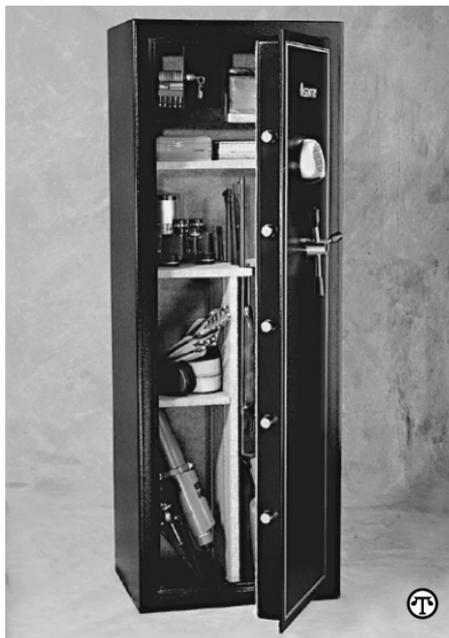
2. Unloaded firearms can also be secured with a gun locking device that renders the firearm inoperable. A gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for proper locked storage.

3. If possible, firearms should be disassembled, and parts securely stored in separate locations.

4. Store ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.

5. Always recheck firearms carefully and completely to confirm that they are “still” unloaded when you remove them from storage. Accidents could occur if someone inadvertently returned a gun to storage while it was still loaded.

6. Make rules regarding stored firearms clear to young children. A good time to discuss the subject is when they first show interest. Answering their questions fully will usually be more effective than a simple “stay away” message. Let them know that the rules regarding guns also apply to friends who come into your home. With older children who are learning about firearms, make it clear that they are not to touch your weapons or ammunition unless they have



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your direct consent and your direct supervision *every time*.

7. Unsecured weapons and ammunition can contribute to unintentional shooting deaths and adolescent suicides, and can be stolen and used in the commission of crimes. Most states require adults to take reasonable steps to deny access by children to items that might harm them.

8. It is your responsibility to understand and follow all laws regarding gun purchase, ownership, storage and transport. Contact your state and/or local police for information regarding these laws.