

When Firearm Safety and Safe Storage is Your Goal

The safest thing to do while someone is at increased risk for suicide in your home is to store your firearms outside your home.



First, watch **this** video from a firearms expert to understand why.



Next, see what a short training module used in Utah Concealed Carry classes recommends for **Firearm Suicide Prevention**.



Finally, watch this **short five-minute video** from the Utah Shooting Sports Council to learn more about warning signs and recommendations on safe firearm storage.



Take our **Live Well Suicide Awareness training** to learn more about suicide prevention with the tools you need to talk about suicide and help those in suicidal crisis be safe and access the resources they need.



Safe Off-Site Storage Options Include:

A Trusted Family Member or Friend: Phone a friend or family member. It will not only keep you and your loved one safe, but it will also provide you with more support to manage this difficult time.

Law Enforcement: Call local law enforcement to understand the procedures for giving them your firearms and returning them to you.

Offsite Storage at a Self-Storage Rental Facility: Some facilities have safety deposit boxes and smaller options if you are storing handguns. If you have shotguns and rifles, you may need a bigger space.

Shooting Ranges or Gun Shops: Some facilities have storage options. Call ahead to find out. You could also take your firearm(s) in to be cleaned and serviced and have them hold them until the risk is decreased.

Pawn Shops: Many pawn shops will hold your firearms either as a pawn item or for a small fee. Call ahead to verify with your local pawn shop.



When Off-Site Storage is **not** an Option, the Next Best On-Site Storage Options Include:

Store Your Firearm(s) in a Gun Safe or Firearm-Specific Storage Lock Box: Lock unloaded firearms with a cable-style gun lock, remove the firing pin and store them securely, change codes or keys in case the person at risk has learned them.

Temporarily Store Ammunition Off-Site: Temporarily remove ammunition from your home or keep it in a separate locked location from secured firearms.

Trigger Locks and Cable Locks: Trigger and cable locks aren't as safe as locking in a secure gun safe, but they are better than not locking at all. In addition, they can be used with a gun safe for extra protection.

Remove a Key Component of the Firearm: Remove the firing pin, slide, or other critical component and give it to a family member or friend to hold until the risk has passed.



Other Options



Voluntary No-Buy/No-Possess List: Utah created a [voluntary lethal means restriction list](#) where any person may request their rights to purchase or possess firearms be temporarily restricted for 30 days to 6 months. After 30 days, the person may request removal, and all previous rights will be restored.



The link to [apply to be added or removed from the temporary restriction list](#) is available here.

What Options are **not** Recommended?

Hiding Firearms is not Recommended: Family members often know each other's hiding places.

Doing Nothing is not Recommended: If someone in your home has had suicidal thoughts or made a plan or attempt, please take them seriously and make your home safe by learning more and following the safety recommendations above. In addition, if someone you know is struggling, talk to them and offer to help.

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Firearm safety Discussion

Student name:

Date:

Objective:

After talking with a parent , write a brief reflection on your discussion regarding firearm safety.

Your reflection can address any aspect of your discussion.

Here are some questions to help get you started-

What are the fundamental rules of firearm safety that you discussed with your parents?

How can you prevent unauthorized access to firearms?

What types of storage methods did you and your parents discuss if you have firearms in the home?

Essay: