SAFE STORAGE

Firearm injuries and deaths continue to be a significant problem in the United States. Secure storage of firearms can reduce the risk of firearm misuse and injury, while still providing you with quick access when you need it. Gun storage looks different for everyone, but locking all of your guns is a great first step to preventing unintended access. It is highly recommended that owners keep their firearms locked in a secure location that is only accessible to adults. To enhance this safety measure, consider storing ammunition in a secure and separate location away from the firearms.

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS:



CABLE & TRIGGER LOCKS

Cable locks run a cable through the chamber of the gun and out the magwell to prevent the gun from being fired. A trigger lock is a small two-piece lock that fits over or through the trigger guard to prevent the trigger from being pulled. Even if a gun is secured using a cable or trigger lock, it is still important to store it in a place that is inaccessible to children.



● LOCK BOXES & CARRYING CASES

Lock boxes and carrying cases are small, lightweight storage options commonly used for transporting guns.



QUN SAFES & CABINETS

Gun safes and cabinets are common for home storage. They are usually sold in many different sizes. These storage units typically come with a key, a digital keypad, or a biometric pad for security. Some safes can be mounted on walls or bedside tables for easy access.



OFF-SITE STORAGE

Temporary and long-term options for off-site storage offer an additional layer of protection when you need it. There are many places Erie County residents can voluntarily store their guns safely. Access a firearm storage options map at <u>suicidepreventionecny.org</u>. This map can assist community members with exploring off-site storage options.



For more information about gun violence prevention, visit www3.erie.gov/gun-violence-prevention/