

GUN SAFETY



Safe Handling

- Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- Always keep your firearm point in a safe direction. Never point your gun at anything that you do not intend to shoot, even while loading or unloading a firearm.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you intend to shoot, even when handling an unloaded gun.
- Use a gun locking device.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with extreme care.

Safe Storage

- Store guns in a locked location, unloaded, and out of the reach & sight of children.
- Store ammunition in a separate locked location.
- Keep the keys and combinations hidden.
- If the gun is not stored, it should always be on your person and in your immediate control.
- Use a firearm-locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use as an additional safety precaution
- Find more information on Washington State gun storage law at atg.wa.gov/initiative-1639

Training

- Get proper training on how to use and care for your gun; take a gun education course.
- Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm that you are using.
- Most firearms accidents are caused by not following basic gun safety rules.
- Learn about guns and suicide; guns are responsible for over 50% of suicide deaths (CDC).
- Educate yourself on Washington State gun laws.
- For additional gun safety information visit projectchildsafe.org



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