



Safe Firearm Storage

options for gun owners in Maryland

Safe firearm storage is critical to prevent unintentional injuries, suicide, and death. At a minimum, guns should be stored unloaded and separate from ammunition; storing them with a cable lock or in a wall safe provides an additional safeguard. Temporary storage outside the home may be the best option in some circumstances.

mdsafegunstorage.org

Maryland Safe Storage Map

temporary storage locations outside the home

A map was developed in partnership with firearm dealers, law enforcement agencies, and public health professionals to help community members seeking local options for temporary, voluntary firearm storage. To find a list of organizations offering temporary storage in Maryland, go to mdsafegunstorage.org.

Why consider out-of-home firearm storage?

- Someone in the home is experiencing mental health or substance use concerns
- Someone in the home is in crisis and at risk for suicide
- Gun owners are traveling and want to keep firearms secure while they are away
- There's a situation of domestic or partner violence and concern about having a gun in the house

More than 60% of all gun deaths result from suicides and guns account for more than 50% of all suicide deaths.

Safe storage can reduce youth firearm deaths by up to 30%.

There were 266 firearm suicides in Maryland in 2018.

Anyone interested in temporarily storing their guns outside the home should contact the organizations on the map directly.