

MYTH BUSTERS

DO YOU KNOW THE FACTS OF FIREARM SAFETY?

Test your skills by selecting which of these statements are myths and which are facts.
Flip this page over to find out the answers!

A hidden gun is a safe gun.

Proper firearm storage
is only important in the home

My child knows to never touch a gun,
so I don't need to worry about
safe firearm storage.

Proper storage is the #1 way to help
prevent firearm accidents.

As a firearm owner, it is my
responsibility to use and store my gun
safely when it is not in use.

A firearm's safety will always
prevent it from firing.

Having my gun in locked storage at
home will prevent me from having
quick access to it when I most need it.

Safe firearm storage is a simple
solution that everyone can agree on.

I don't need to worry about safe
firearm storage because my children
no longer live at home.

There is only one way to
safely store a firearm.



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A hidden gun is a safe gun.

MYTH! In fact, it's highly likely that the location of "hidden" firearms is *already* known by children in the home. Accidents and thefts are possible if children or other unauthorized persons find a hidden firearm. Taking extra precautions is important — use proper and responsible firearm storage mechanisms when your gun is not in use.

Proper firearm storage is only important in the home.

MYTH! Always follow proper storage and carry procedures anytime you are traveling with a firearm, including on hunting and sporting outings. Be sure to know the firearms laws in the states and cities in which you will be traveling or staying, and secure your firearms and ammunition safely when you are not carrying or using them.

I don't need to worry about safe firearm storage.

MYTH! Myth! Your children have friends who may be curious and have not been told what to do if they find a gun. Taking extra precautions by safely storing firearms is the #1 way to help prevent firearm accidents, and is a vital complement to educating your kids. Also, responsible storage helps prevent theft and misuse by all unauthorized persons, not just children.

Proper firearm storage is the #1 way to help prevent firearm accidents.

FACT! Nearly all firearms accidents are preventable by taking steps to help ensure that guns don't fall into the wrong hands. It's your responsibility to know how to properly and safely handle and secure your firearms.

As a firearm owner, it is my responsibility to use and store my firearm safely when it is not in use.

FACT! With your right to "Own It" comes a responsibility to "Respect it" and "Secure it" when not in use. We want all gun owners to remember this, hence the reason for Project Child Safe's national Own It? Respect It. Secure It. campaign.

A firearm's safety will always prevent it from firing.

MYTH! The safety on any gun is a mechanical device which can become inoperable at the worst possible time. It can also be mistakenly "off" even when you think it's "on." You should never handle a gun carelessly and assume that it won't fire just because the safety is on. Never point a gun in an unsafe direction.

Having my gun in locked storage at home will prevent quick access to it when I most need it.

MYTH! There are locking devices available that can be quickly opened using a keypad or biometric technology, providing you with access to your firearm within seconds while deterring access by children and other unauthorized persons.

Safe firearm storage is a simple solution everyone can agree to.

FACT! Responsible gun ownership is an issue everyone can agree on. When gun owners safely secure their firearms unloaded and locked when not in use, it helps prevent accidents and thefts and can save lives.

I don't need to worry about firearm storage because my children no longer live at home.

MYTH! Safe storage isn't just about kids. Proper firearm storage can help prevent theft and misuse by any unauthorized person, including at-risk individuals.

There is only one way to safely store a firearm.

MYTH! There are many options for safely storing your firearms. We recommend finding what works best with your lifestyle and budget.

