

Creating a Safer Home: Secure Firearms and Medications

Your home should be a place of safety and care, especially during times of emotional distress or crisis. Unsecured firearms and medications can pose serious risks to everyone in the household, including children, teens, and adults. By taking simple steps to secure these items, you can significantly reduce the risk of accidental injuries, misuse, or intentional harm creating time and distance between these items and a person in crisis.

Firearm Safety

Access to firearms increases the risk of injury and suicide. Many people don't realize how easily firearms can be accessed, even when they're hidden. Studies show that 70% of children in homes with firearms know where the guns are stored, and many have handled them without their parents' knowledge.

Take these steps to make your home safer:

- 🔒 **Store firearms securely:** Use a gun safe or lock to make firearms inaccessible to those at risk.
- 🔒 **Store ammunition and firearms separately:** storing the ammunition in a separate location from the firearm is recommended.
- 🔒 **Use gun locks:** A trigger or cable lock is an effective layer of security for any firearm.
- 🔒 **Remove firearms from the home during times of crisis:** Temporarily removing firearms when someone is experiencing emotional distress or suicidal thoughts is a proven life-saving strategy.

The free gun lock is a simple and practical tool to help you secure firearms immediately. Wait until you feel confident you can keep yourself safe to handle a firearm. If you don't own a firearm, please consider sharing the lock with someone who does along with this flyer to help create a safer community for all.

Medication Safety

Medications can also be a source of harm if not stored securely. Unsecured prescription and over-the-counter drugs may lead to accidental poisoning, misuse, or overdose, particularly for children and individuals in distress.

Protect your loved ones with these steps:

- 🔒 **Use a prescription lock:** Store medications in a lockbox or secure cabinet to limit access.
- 🔒 **Monitor quantities:** Regularly check for missing pills or signs of misuse.
- 🔒 **Dispose of unused medications:** Safely discard medications at designated drop-off locations or with disposal kits.
- 🔒 **Communicate with your household:** Talk about medication safety and ensure everyone understands the importance of proper storage.
- 🔒 **The free prescription lock will help you take immediate action to secure medications in your home.**

A Small Step, A Big Difference

By using firearm and prescription locks, you're taking an important step to protect yourself and your loved ones reducing preventable risks. Let's work together to create safer homes and a healthier future for everyone.