

Gun ownership is a right and a source of pride for many veterans. Yet, firearm related injuries and deaths occur all too often.

17

The number of veterans that die from suicide daily.

85%

The percentage suicide fatality with a firearm.

3x

The increase of risk for suicide with gun ownership.

Owning a gun is your right.

Safe storage keeps you, your family, friends, and children safe.



BulletPoints Project provides clinical tools for firearm injury prevention.

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Firearm Injury Prevention for Veterans



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Common Safety Devices

There are a variety of devices that you can use to safely store a gun, including gun safes, trigger locks, and lock boxes. Devices for other firearms, like rifles or shotguns might look different but function the same way.



Gun Safes



- Keep firearms securely locked inside.
- Can secure multiple firearms of different sizes at once
- Use various locking technologies, including combinations, keys, and biometric technology, such as fingerprint recognition.

Trigger Locks



- Inexpensive
- Works by inserting a steel post through the gun's trigger guard and locking it in place to physically block the trigger from being pulled
- Note: Make sure the gun is unloaded when using a trigger lock. Putting a trigger lock on a loaded gun can cause it to fire.

Lockboxes



- Use various locking technologies, including combinations, keys, and biometric technology, such as fingerprint recognition.
- Allows quick access to firearms and may be preferred by people who own guns for protection
- Note: Firearms stored in lockboxes should be stored unloaded with ammunition locked up elsewhere.

Storage and Safety at a Glance

The safest way to store a gun is:

- Unloaded
- Locked in a safe storage device
- Separate from ammunition
- With the keys and combinations to firearm locking devices inaccessible to children, unauthorized users, or others at risk

Many suicides are due to an impulsive decision. Safe storage increases the time between a thought and accessing a gun, this time may save your life. Help is always available. If you are thinking about suicide or in crisis, call: 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, text to 838255, or chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Chat).