

Firearm safety bookmark sample
Version 2

Safe Storage Saves LIVES

Four reasons to lock your firearms:

- 1 Prevent children from being injured or killed.** Each year in Washington state, on average, eight children are hospitalized with unintentional firearm injuries and another 10 children die by firearm suicide.
- 2 Prevent crimes from being committed with your gun.** Many stolen firearms are used to commit additional crimes. In 2012, \$4.5 million worth of firearms were reported stolen in Washington.
- 3 Prevent depressed teens from dying by suicide.** A recent study of adolescent suicides found that over half were carried out with a gun from the adolescent's home.
www.crisisclinic.org
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- 4 Keep schools gun-free.** In 2012, over 20% of tenth graders surveyed said it was "sort of easy" or "very easy" to get a handgun.

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The risk of an unintentional shooting or suicide by minors using a gun can be significantly reduced (61%) by adopting responsible gun safety measures in the home. -*Journal of the American Medical Association*

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Store your guns safely and securely.

- Store firearms locked and unloaded.
- Ammunition should be locked and stored in a separate location.
- Seek instruction on proper handling and storage.
- Hiding guns where you think children or others will not find them is not enough.
- Toddlers do have the finger strength to pull the trigger.
- Purchase an approved locking device and ensure the key and/or combination is inaccessible to others.
- A firearm's safety is not designed as a replacement for safe storage or handling practice.
- Visit www.LOKITUP.org to learn more about different forms of safe storage.

If a family member or friend appears suicidal or depressed, consider temporary off-site storage.

- When an emotional crisis (like a break-up, job loss, legal trouble) or a major change in someone's behavior (like depression, violence, heavy drinking) causes concern, storing guns outside the home may save a life.
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A small effort can save a life.