



PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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Safe Storage of Firearms

Safe storage of firearms is the responsibility of all gun owners. Not only is it the law in Minnesota, but it is a matter of public safety. Educating gun owners on the need to take such precautions has taken on a renewed sense of purpose with the recent surge in firearm sales in Minnesota and across the entire nation. Many people are purchasing firearms for the first time and may not be aware of the obligations that come along with gun ownership. Those obligations include making sure firearms are not accessible to children, criminals, and emotionally distraught individuals.

Simply hiding a gun without taking additional precautions is not a safe practice. Proper safeguards include unloading the firearm, using a trigger or cable lock and placing the gun in a lock box or safe. Ammunition should but securely stored away from firearms.

To learn more about firearm safety go to Project ChildSafe at www.projectchildsafe.org. The Minnetrista Public Safety Department offers free cable locks that will secure most types of guns. Please join this effort to prevent a needless tragedy from occurring due to the negligent storage of a firearm.

Negligent Storage of Firearms

Minnesota Statute 609.666, Subd. 2

A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who negligently stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm against access by the child.