

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

GENERAL FIREARM SAFETY

How to navigate conversations with your child

- Tips for talking to your child about firearm safety (<https://bit.ly/talkingtoyourkidsaboutguns>)
- Guns in the home - Firearm Safety for Families (<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Handguns-in-the-Home.aspx>)
- Videos to demonstrate how to model responsible behavior around guns (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cT6bj5DEGk>)
- Videos for educators and others on how to talk to children about gun safety (<https://projectchildsafe.org/educators/>)

How to navigate firearm conversations with adults

- Sample scripts for emailing or talking to other adults to ask about the presence of guns in their home and their safe storage practices (<https://bit.ly/askingaboutsecuregunstorage>)
- ASK campaign provides additional guidance on asking family, friends, and members of your community about unlocked or loaded guns in the home to prevent family fire (<https://www.bradyunited.org/program/end-family-fire/asking-saves-kids>)

Firearm Restraining Order

- If you are concerned for the safety of a loved one who has access to or owns a firearm and may be a danger to themselves or others, contact the Circuit Court of Cook County at 312-603-4357 (or your local courthouse) to learn more about obtaining a firearm restraining order (extreme risk order of protection)
- For more on the Firearm Restraining order, visit the [Cook County Sheriff's website](http://www.cookcountysheriff.org/firearm-restraining-order/) (<http://www.cookcountysheriff.org/firearm-restraining-order/>)

Domestic violence

- The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides 24/7, free and confidential tools and support to help survivors of domestic violence. Call 1-800-799-SAFE (<https://www.thehotline.org/>)
- Illinois Department of Human Services Domestic Helpline 877-TO END DV (<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30275>)

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High risk for suicide

- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. Call 1-800-273-8255 (<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>)
- Facts and resources on identifying signs of concern related to child suicide with a firearm (<https://bit.ly/factsandresourceschildfirearmsuicide>)
- End Family Fire provides suicide prevention resources to reduce access to firearms when someone is in crisis. Delaying and reducing access to firearms can save a life for those in crisis (<https://endfamilyfire.org/#gunSuicides>)

SAFE STORAGE OPTIONS

Mechanisms for Use in the Home Fact Sheets & Information



There are a variety of gun locking and storage mechanisms that can be obtained for use in the home

- Project Child Safe's fact sheet provides a list of safe storage options, include average costs of gun locks, lock boxes, cable locks, and storage lockers (<https://bit.ly/gunstorageforyourlifestyle>).
- Be SMART for Kids (<https://besmartforkids.org/>), provides steps for secure firearm storage, including how to unload, lock, and separate a firearm. It also and reviews the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of firearm locking devices (<https://bit.ly/securestoragefactsheet>)
- End Family Fire (<https://www.endfamilyfire.org/>): Step-by-step resource for gun safety in the home, including safe storage
- Parents can test their knowledge on safe gun storage by taking this Project ChildSafe quiz (<https://projectchildsafe.org/firearm-storage-safety-quiz/>).

**Locking devices can be purchased wherever guns and firearm accessories are sold.*

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FIREARMS DISPOSAL

If a gun owner decides they no longer want to own their firearm, there are different options to safely part with their firearm.

1

Contact your local law enforcement agency or visit their website to find out if they have a gun buy back/take back program. Also check their events calendar to see if they host gun buy back events.

- The City of Naperville has a Firearm Take Back Program for residents. (<https://www.naperville.il.us/services/naperville-police-department/programs-and-services/firearm-take-back-program/>)
- The Chicago Police Department (CPD) regularly hosts firearm buy back programs. Visit CPD's Community Events Calendar for upcoming event dates. (<https://home.chicagopolice.org/community-policing-group/community-event-calendars/>)
 - Note: Gun buy back events are typically a "no questions asked," so guns can be turned in anonymously in exchange for monetary compensation.
 - Inquire with your local law enforcement agency about their gun take back program and the information they are required to collect from the surrenderer. Firearm buy back and take back programs may have different criteria and protocols.

2

The National Center for Unwanted Firearms safely disposes or repurposes unwanted firearms. Firearms may be donated or sold and the organization will send a shipping label and box to securely mail the firearm in.

(<https://www.unwantedfirearms.org/>)

3

Contact a licensed gun dealer to learn about options to sell or discard your firearm.

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FIREARM STORAGE FACILITIES IN CHICAGOLAND

There are different venues which offer safe and legal options to store firearms outside of the home. Below, is a list of facilities in Chicagoland.

MAXON SHOOTER'S SUPPLIES AND INDOOR RANGE
75 E. Bradrock Dr
Des Plaines, IL 60018
Cook County
847-298-4867

GUN STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

- User can store as many firearms as will fit in the locker
- All firearms MUST be unloaded, and in a case for transportation to and from the storage room
- User MUST have a valid FOID card

RENTAL COSTS

- Handgun only locker (12" x 12" x 16")
 - \$15/month
- Long gun locker (Upper: 12" x 8" x 16" + Lower: 6" x 52" x 16")
 - \$25/month

<https://www.maxonshooters.com/services/gun-storage>

MIDWEST GUNS AND RANGE
8565 Plainfield Rd
Lyons, IL 60534
Cook County
708-447-4848 x8

RENTAL COSTS

- Monthly Storage Charge (16" x 11" x 11")
 - \$20/month
 - Must leave a credit card on file to be charged by the 5th of each month
- Annual Storage Charge (16" x 11" x 11")
 - \$180/year (\$15/month)
 - Must be paid up front for yearly discount

<https://www.midwestguns.com/firearm-locker-rental/>

SHORE GALLERIES
3318 W Devon Ave
Lincolnwood, IL
60712
Cook County
847-676-2900

RENTAL COSTS

- Call for pricing

<https://www.shoregalleries.com/services>

OTHER POSSIBLE FIREARM STORAGE FACILITIES

- **Campus Police:** If you are a college/university student, contact campus police to see if they will store your firearm
- **Bank Safe Deposit Boxes:** Contact your bank to see if they allow the storage of unloaded or dismantled firearms in safety boxes they rent out at their facility

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