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# Practice Safe Gun Storage

- and you can prevent:
- suicides or harm to others
  - children from using firearms
  - thieves from using firearms stolen from your home or vehicle

## Keep yourself and your family safe by:

- Storing firearms unloaded and locked up
- Locking up ammunition (cartridge, casing, bullet, or propellant powder used in a firearm) separately from firearms
- Making sure key/combination is inaccessible to unauthorized people
- Asking if there are guns in the home before your child visits a friend or relative, how they're secured, and if ammunition is stored separately and out of children's reach



### Save on your taxes

Virginia offers an income tax credit for the purchase of a firearm safety device, such as a cable lock or gun safe.

## Doctors, Clinicians and Counselors:

### You are part of the solution

Your recommendations can help shape patients' decisions to store guns safely.



### Learn more about safe storage

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