To prevent avoidable injury and to protect our families and children, firearm safety must be a priority. You can help to ensure that firearms do not get into the wrong hands by using proper firearm storage in your household. The 5 most common storage solutions available are listed here for your review.

**CABLE LOCK**

A cable runs through the barrel or action of a firearm to prevent it from being accidentally fired, requiring either a key or combination to unlock it.

- **Pros**: Long cables may be threaded through several guns; inexpensive.
- **Cons**: Thin cables could be cut.

**PRICE RANGE | $10-$20**

**TRIGGER LOCK**

A trigger lock is a two-piece lock that fits over the trigger guard so that the trigger cannot be pulled. A push-button keypad, combination, or key will open the lock.

- **Pros**: Inexpensive; widely available; quick access (keypad models).
- **Cons**: Some models will not prevent access by older children or teens; may not prevent theft, as some locks may be removed later; may break easily.

**PRICE RANGE | $5-$35**

**LOCK BOX**

A lock box is a small safe designed to store a handgun and other valuables. Using a key, a push-button, or a combination unlocks the safe. Electronic lock boxes are also available and allow access through a digital keypad or fingerprint.

- **Pros**: Quick access if the lock is push-button or digital; difficult to steal if permanently mounted; may allow storage for more than one handgun; keeps gun out of sight.
- **Cons**: Costs more than trigger locks or chamber locks.

**PRICE RANGE | $40-$200+**

**GUN VAULT / SAFE**

A gun vault or safe allows for the safe storage of multiple firearms in one place. Safes come in a variety of sizes designed to store long guns, handguns, or other valuables. Access is gained through a push-button, combination, or digital key pad.

- **Pros**: Allows storage of numerous long guns and handguns; difficult to steal; allows storage of other personal items; Usually fire resistant; keeps valuables out of sight.
- **Cons**: Costs more than chamber locks or lock boxes; heavy and difficult to move.

**PRICE RANGE | $100-$2,000**

**PERSONALIZED LOCK**

Gun makers or owners can install a permanent safety device on their gun. These types of special locks vary. Some locks may be a built-in key or combination lock, while others are specially designed with a magnetic or electronic lock that only the owner can fire while wearing a special ring or bracelet. Some personalized locks use fingerprint recognition technology.

- **Pros**: The safety device is permanently attached to the gun.
- **Cons**: Custom addition to a gun and often expensive.

**PRICE RANGE | $200+**

**DISCLAIMER:** Mechanical locking devices can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling, firearm safety training, and the observance of all gun-safety rules.