

SECURE FIREARM STORAGE AND HANDLING

Secure storage is the **#1** way to help prevent firearm accidents, thefts and misuse, and plays an important role in suicide prevention.

A hidden, unsecured gun is not a safe gun.



75% of children who live in homes with a gun know where it is, even if the parents think it is well hidden.



A firearm can easily be stolen from a locked vehicle, glove compartment, or console, and then used to commit crimes.



Secure your firearm

- Always lock up your firearms, unloaded and separate from ammunition, when not in use.
- Use a lockable gun case or lock box, which are exempt from Tennessee sales tax.
- Get a free cable lock from the state.



Prevent theft from your vehicle

- Locking your car or glove box isn't enough—thieves can break in quickly.
- Store firearms in a lockable, vehicle-secured safe for fast but controlled access.
- Consider custom compartments or mounted lock boxes for added security.



Handle firearms safely

- Always keep your gun unloaded until ready to use.
- When handling any firearm, always assume it is loaded.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger, pointed in a safe direction, until ready to shoot.