

## Resources for Gun Safety at Home

### Keep Children Safe at Home. Secure Your Guns.

**Unload** guns

**Lock** up guns

**Separate** from ammunition

Research shows an overwhelming majority of unintentional shootings by children and teen suicides could have been prevented with secure storage. Experts agree on the following three principles:

- **Unload:** Gun owners should remove all ammunition from their firearms, including removing any chambered rounds.
- **Lock:** Unloaded firearms should be secured with a firearm locking device, such as a jacket lock, or in a locked location, like a safe or lock box. Locking devices, safes, and lock boxes are equipped with keys, combinations, or biometric technology that limit access.
- **Separate:** Ammunition should be stored separately from any firearms, in a secure location.

See [BeSMARTforKids.org](https://www.besmartforkids.org) or [EndFamilyFire](https://www.endfamilyfire.org)



### Temporary Gun Removal is Available.

An extreme risk protective order is a court order that temporarily restricts a person's access to guns when a person poses a risk to themselves or others. Extreme risk protective orders are available to help law enforcement and concerned family members intervene quickly in dangerous situations. Under Maryland law, a person's family or household member or dating partner, a law enforcement officer, or a doctor or mental health professional who has examined the person may file a petition for an extreme risk protective order.

A family or household member is defined as:

- Spouse,
- A person related by blood, marriage, or adoption
- Someone who has a child in common with the person
- Current or former legal guardian, or
- A person who lives in the same dwelling

To file an Extreme Risk Protective Order, call police.

For more information, go to <https://mdcourts.gov/district/ERPO>