

Why use a gun lock?

While gun violence is the number one cause of death among children and teens in the United States, it is preventable. One way to reduce accidental gun deaths, suicide, and gun violence, is to make sure guns are locked and safely stored.



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USING YOUR GUN LOCK



- 1) Unload your firearm by removing ammunition or the magazine.
- 2) Unlock the cable from its padlock by turning the key clockwise. Pull cable out.
- 3) Thread the cable through the firearm.
 - Pistol: With slide pulled back and locked, thread it down the ejection port and through the magazine well.
 - Revolver: Thread through the barrel if possible, or through two chambers.
 - Rifle/Shotgun: Thread it through the ejection port and out the loading port or magazine well. Gently release bolt to go forward.
- 4) Lock the cable by pushing the end of the cable through the padlock until it clicks and locks. Remove the key and check cable is secure.
- 5) To remove the lock, insert the key and turn clockwise. Pull cable out of padlock and through the gun.

More Gun Safety Tips

- Always unload your gun and store it a locked box, cabinet, safe or vault.
- Keep the gun stored away from unauthorized users.
- Secure unloaded guns with a cable lock or trigger lock.
- Store the lock's key and all ammunition or magazines separately from the gun.
- Check your gun or guns regularly to ensure they are still unloaded and locked.



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