

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

(Most recent statistics as of 5-1-23)

- Between 2019 and 2020, the firearm-related homicide rate increased approximately 35% and the firearmrelated suicide rate remained high.
- The largest increase in firearm-related homicides was among African-Americans (39%). The largest increase in firearm-related suicides was among American Indian and Alaska Native people (42%).
- In 2020, counties with the highest poverty level had firearm-related homicide rates 4.5 times as high and firearm-related suicide rates 1.3 times as high as counties with the lowest poverty rates.
- Firearm-related deaths continue to be a significant public health problem in the United States. In 2020, 79% of all homicides and 53% of all suicides involved firearms.

Top Tips for Firearm Safety in Your Home

- 1. Safe and proper storage is the #1 way to prevent firearm accidents at home.
- Firearms must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users.
- 3. Firearms should be stored unloaded and secured with effective gun locks in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use.
- 4. Store ammunition in a locked location away from moisture, heat, and separate from firearms.
- Make sure people in your home are aware and understand the safety guidelines concerning firearms. Talk to your children about gun safety.
- Always unload, clean and place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after use and/or a day at the range.





Maryland Safe Storage Map

Developed to help community members seeking local options for temporary, voluntary firearm storage outside of their home—applicable storage fees apply.

10 X Firearms 4417 Cassell Blvd Prince Frederick, MD

Fred's Outdoors 2895 Crain Hwy Waldorf, MD J2 Defense 97 Skipjack Rd, #1 Prince Frederick, MD

Gun Monkey's Armory 606 Charles St La Plata, MD 20646 JMJ Firearms LLC 29015 Three Notch Rd Suite 5 Mechanicsville, MD

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