

# 4 STEPS TO TAKE

1. Never store your firearm in an open space, under a seat, or in the glove compartment of your vehicle.
2. Install a gun safe in your vehicle.
3. When securing your firearm, point the muzzle in a safe direction.
4. Do not have stickers or any other indicators on your vehicle that signal a firearm is inside.

**Gun Owners  
Should Be Responsible  
With Their Firearms.**

**To find more information on firearm safety tips, stay updated with our public service announcements through our social media channels listed below.**



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# FIREARM SAFETY

## HOW TO SAFELY SECURE YOUR FIREARMS



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## STEPS TO TAKE

### WITHIN THE HOME

The purpose of this campaign is to encourage safe storage and responsible ownership of firearms. According to research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), firearms are now the **leading cause of death** in children under 18 in this country. A firearm storage plan for every home enhances the safety of our children.

1. Never store your firearm under a bed, mattress, or in an unlocked dresser drawer.

2. Secure your firearm in a locked cabinet or safe.

3. Never store your firearm in an area accessible to children.

#### Out of sight, out of reach.

4. Use gun locks as a secondary means of securing your firearm, **NOT INSTEAD** of a locked safe or cabinet.

**Gun locks are devices used to prevent a potential user from pulling the trigger without removing it first.**

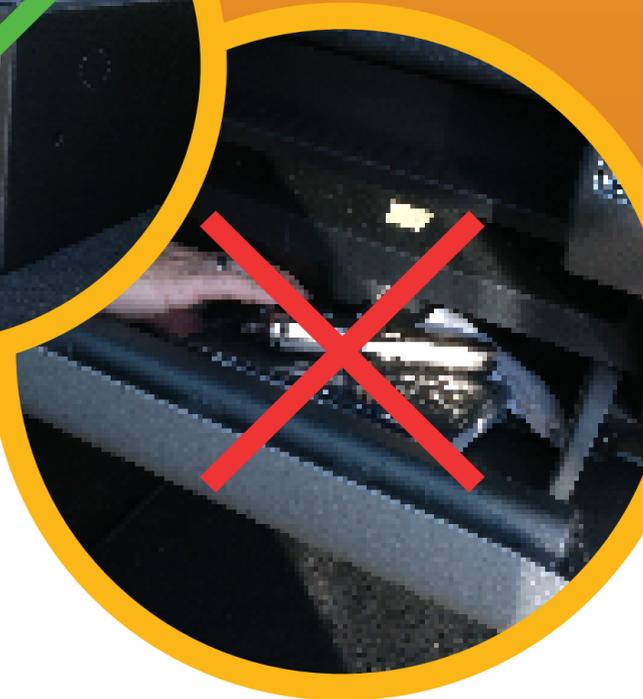
5. Ensure the keys to the gun locks and safes are not accessible to children or unauthorized users.

### WITHIN THE CAR

Firearms are the number one item thieves look for in a vehicle. Do not leave your firearm in the open, under a seat, or in a glove compartment.

Too many firearms have been reported stolen from vehicles in the city of Houston. In 2020, more than **2,800** firearms were reported stolen and nearly **3,700** were reported stolen in 2021.

**This is preventable.**



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