

# Firearm Safe Storage Training

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# What is Lock It Up?



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The Lock It Up program promotes **voluntary safe storage of firearms**.

## **Firearm Lockbox and Trigger Lock Distribution Program**

- Partnering with Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs), tribal institutions, Community Violence Intervention (CVI) groups, and organizations for firearm lockbox and trigger lock distribution.

## **Community Partnerships**

- Serving as a resource and convener in gun violence prevention.
- Supporting LHJs with program implementation.
- Establishing an advisory group for oversight, ensuring racial and geographic equity.

## **Retail and Shooting Sports Partnerships**

- Offering discounts on storage devices for customers who mention the program.
- Sharing information through retailers and facilities.

## **Law Enforcement Partnerships**

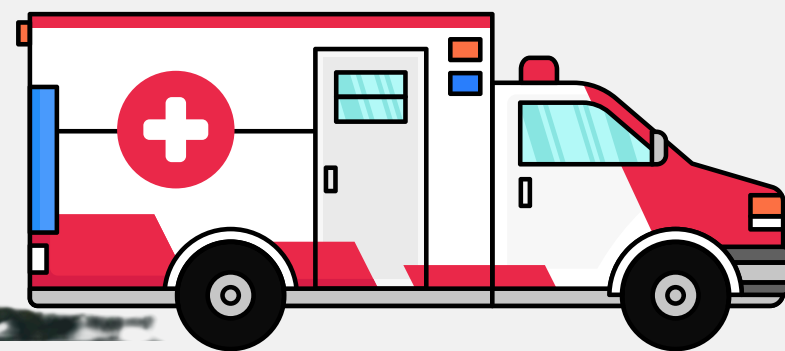
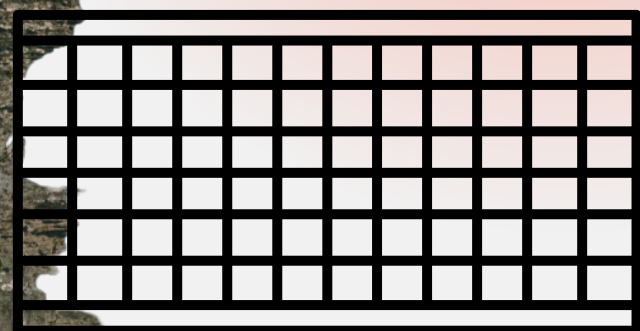
- Sharing program info with Concealed Pistol License applicants.

## **Public Education**

- Engaging in health fairs, website resources, presentations, data dissemination, and CVI efforts.



# Public Health Approach



PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

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Nonfatal Firearm Injury in WA: Emergency Department Visits

Fatal Firearm Injury in WA

Stolen Firearms in WA

Firearm Access and Storage in WA



**Safe Storage**

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**Primary Prevention Strategy**



# Importance of Safe Storage

1. **Triple safe storage method:** firearm locked, unloaded, and ammunition locked and stored separately. (Harm reduction)
2. Prevents **theft, child injury, suicide, & violence** in one method.
3. Not as **controversial** anymore.
4. **Gun owner and users** role in community safety and benefit.
5. Makes **law enforcement's** jobs much easier and safer too.
6. An **efficient and low-cost** way for health departments to take a direct role in community safety.

# Types of Devices

## TYPES OF DEVICES



Cable Lock



Large Safe



Lockbox



Trigger Lock

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# Cable Lock

**How does it work?** A coated steel cable threads through an unloaded gun.

### Pros:

- Inexpensive and readily available.
- Small, light, and portable.
- Compatible with multiple kinds of firearms.

### Cons:

- Less secure.
- Doesn't prevent theft.
- Gun MUST be unloaded to use.



## TYPES OF DEVICES



# Large Safe

**How does it work?** Can have shelves/hooks/space inside, thick metal walls often with a fireproofing layer, and a secure lock.

### Pros:

- Challenging to steal or break into.
- Very secure.
- Can hold a large collection of firearms and other valuables in one place.
- Are generally fireproof.

### Cons:

- Large and heavy.
- Can be quite expensive.

## TYPES OF DEVICES



# Lockbox

**How does it work?** Like a small safe – made of steel with a secure lock and firearm(s), ammunition, etc. can be kept inside.

### Pros:

- More secure.
- Can be used in vehicles.
- Can be bolted to a surface.
- Storage other valuables.
- Firearm is out of sight.

### Cons:

- Portable, if the lockbox isn't secured.
- Doesn't hold larger firearm collections.
- Not fireproof.

## TYPES OF DEVICES



# Trigger Lock

**How does it work?** Holding two pieces on opposite sides of the trigger guard – 1) a metal post goes through and 2) they lock together with a secure keyed or combination lock.

### Pros:

- Can be used for long guns.
- Inexpensive.
- Small and portable.
- Most are compatible with multiple kinds of firearms.
- Often used as a backup.

### Cons:

- Low quality ones break easy.
- Doesn't prevent theft.
- The firearm is still visible to passers-by.
- Gun MUST be unloaded to use.



# Quality Control

- Firearm safety devices ARE NOT regulated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
  - Some very low-quality ones can pop up on the market.
- CA has secure storage mandate.
- Resource to check devices: California Department of Justice's device database.

<https://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsdcertlist>



# Using Our Devices!

Follow along on the “Lock Box Instructions” &  
“Trigger Lock Instructions” documents



# Tabling Strategies

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What tends to get people to come to your table?

Things to have at your table:

- Devices to distribute
- Safe storage brochures
- Zip codes sheet
- Swag
- If relevant, kid activities

# FAQs





# Talking About Safe Storage





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How are firearms stored in your home?



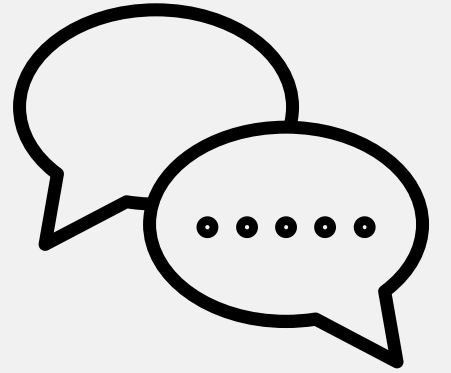
## IF THEY SAY...

“My guns are always secured at home.”

## RESPONSE

“If you need to leave a **gun behind in your car**, this lockbox/trigger lock is a great option, so you’re still welcome to take one.”

“A trigger lock is a good thing to **throw into your range bag** in case you forget”



## IF THEY SAY...

“One or more guns are unlocked and/or loaded.”

## RESPONSE

“It’s really understandable that some people **want a firearm readily available to feel safe.**”

“**What’s your strategy now** for keeping your guns out of the wrong hands?”

(validate they’re trying if they have any strategies at all.)





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“You might be surprised at **how fast a lockbox or trigger lock can be opened** in an emergency.” (demonstrate)

“You can unlock a lockbox like this **faster than a person can climb a flight of stairs or break into a window**, and a lot of people **practice the combination regularly** to keep it in their muscle memory.”



## IF THEY SAY...

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## RESPONSE

“Even if everyone in your household is **well-versed in gun safety**, an unsecured loaded gun becomes **really dangerous** if a family member or visitor is having a hard time with **mental health**, if small **kids** are around, or if a **thief** breaks in.”



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## RESPONSE

“We’ve heard terrible stories about people **thoroughly trained in gun safety** losing their lives to **suicide** in an impulsive moment, for example.”

“Stolen guns often resurface in **community violence**, which we want to stop happening.”



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## RESPONSE

“The devices we’re giving out today are **free** – would you be willing to try one out and see how it feels?”



## IF THEY SAY...

“I am in the military and live in base housing.”

## RESPONSE

Remind them that secure storage and storing firearms unloaded are a **requirement** and you don't want an unsecured loaded firearm to be discovered in an **emergency or inspection**.





## IF THEY SAY...

“I am thinking of getting a gun.”

## RESPONSE

Before you buy your first firearm is the perfect time to start thinking about safe storage. If you know **what type of gun you’re considering getting**, we can help you find the device that’s right for you.

Ask: transporting?



# Final Notes

- Ask if they want a lockbox or trigger lock
- Demonstrate in detail how to use it and give them the Children's one-pager
- Get their zip code, thank them, and send them on their way

# Housekeeping

- 1. Distribution support?**
- 2. Have devices arrived?**
- 3. Collecting evaluations**
- 4. Print materials:**
  - a. Brochures? Logo? Languages?
  - b. 1-pager
  - c. Children's guides
- 5. Compensation & Documentation**





**Thank You!!**

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