LOCK THEM UP
FOR SAFETY

Firearm injuries are a significant public health problem in the U.S. It is critical that emergency nurses become comfortable asking routine screening questions during patient visits and help raise awareness of firearm safety, safe firearm and ammunition storage, and the need to control access to firearms.

STORING FIREARMS
Keeping them unloaded and in a locked area in addition to storing ammunition in a separate locked area has been shown to significantly reduce accidental injuries, self-inflicted injuries, and deaths among children and adolescents.

CABLE LOCKS
are devices that block the chamber of a firearm to prevent a cartridge from being fired. These are inexpensive and can be threaded through multiple firearms.

PERSONALIZED LOCKS
have a built-in key, combination, or biometric feature that is specifically designed to allow only the owner of the firearm access.

TRIGGER LOCKS
are two-piece locks that fit over the trigger, preventing the trigger from being pulled.

FIREARM VAULTS
or safes come in a variety of sizes. Most are designed to store long firearms but can safely store handguns, too.

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