

## Trigger Lock

**What it is:** A two-piece lock that fits through the trigger guard.

**How it works:** A rigid cylinder fits behind the trigger so the trigger cannot be pulled. A push-button keypad, combination, or key opens the lock.

**Features:** Some models have battery-operated locks, lighted keypads, and anti-tamper alarms.

**Price:** \$5 to \$35+

### Advantages:

- Inexpensive
- Widely available
- Quick access (keypad models)

### Disadvantages:

- Some models will not prevent access by older children or teens
- May not prevent theft, as some locks may be removed later
- May break easily



## Personalized Lock

**What it is:** A safety device permanently installed on a gun by the maker or owner.

**How it works:** These types of locks vary. Some have a built-in key or combination lock. Others are guns specially designed with a magnetic or electronic lock that only the owner can fire while wearing a special ring or bracelet.

**Features:** Lock is a part of the gun design or is an after-market add-on. May contain magnetic or electronic components.

These locks are somewhat new and usually costly.

For more information, talk with a federally-licensed firearms dealer or a gun manufacturer.

## Four reasons why you should lock your firearms.

### Prevent children from being injured or killed.

Each year about 18 Washington children are hospitalized and 3 children die from unintentional shootings.

### Prevent crimes from being committed with your gun.

Thousands of handguns are stolen each year in the U.S. Many are used to commit other crimes.

### Prevent depressed teens from committing suicide.

A recent study of adolescent suicides found that over half were carried out with a gun from the adolescent's home.

### Keep schools gun-free.

An estimated 7,000 students reported carrying a handgun to Washington schools in 2002.

Also in 2002, 17% of eighth graders surveyed said it was easy to get a handgun.

**Alternate formats available**



# Firearm Locking Devices



For more information about locking devices and a discount coupon, go to

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*Which one is right for you?*



Call 1-877-LOK-IT-UP toll-free for more information about locking devices and discounts coupons.

Handgun locking and storage devices can be purchased wherever guns or firearm accessories are sold:

- gun stores
- sporting goods stores
- firing ranges
- locksmiths
- some discount stores



### Cable Lock

**What it is:** A device that blocks the chamber to prevent a cartridge from being fired.

**How it works:** Cable locks are inserted in or through the magazine well or chamber, or are inserted through the gun barrel and chamber to block a cartridge from moving into position. A combination or key opens the lock.

**Features:** Metal cylinders, vinyl covered wire cables, or other designs. Locks may be "universal" or may only fit certain revolver or pistol models. Some models have anti-tamper alarms.

**Price:** Free to \$20+

**Advantages:**

- Long cables may be threaded through several guns
- Inexpensive

**Disadvantages:**

- Thin cables could be cut

**Remember – Store all firearms locked and unloaded, with ammunition locked separately.**

### Gun Vault or Safe

**What it is:** A safe in a variety of sizes designed to store long guns, handguns, and other valuables.

**How it works:** Your firearms are locked inside the vault. A push-button, combination or digital key pad opens the lock.

**Features:** Varies by type and model

**Price:** \$100-\$2,000

**Advantages:**

- Difficult to steal
- Allows storage of numerous long guns and handguns
- Allows storage of other personal items
- Usually fire resistant
- Keeps valuables out of sight

**Disadvantages:**

- Costs more than chamber locks or lock boxes
- Heavy and difficult to move



### Lock Box

**What it is:** A small safe designed to store a handgun.

**How it works:** Your handgun is locked inside the box. A push-button, combination, digital keypad, or key opens the lock.

**Features:** Most models have holes in the bottom to allow permanent mounting. Some have lighted locks for access in the dark. Most have padded interiors.

**Price:** \$40 to \$200+

**Advantages:**

- Quick access if the lock is push-button or digital
- Difficult to steal if permanently mounted
- May allow storage for more than one handgun
- Keeps gun out of sight

**Disadvantages:**

- Costs more than trigger locks or chamber locks

### Firearm Locking Devices

There are dozens of devices to lock your firearm.

Many experts recommend using lock boxes, safes, or gun vaults with a push button, combination, or digital keypad lock.

No matter which security device you choose, ensure that it meets the California Department of Justice safety standards.

Check <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/devices.htm> for a list of approved firearm safety devices.