GUN STORAGE
The keypad code gun safe has become more popular throughout the years. The main feature of this safe is that the owner chooses his or her own PIN, ensuring the code will not easily be forgotten. If it is, though, or someone tries to crack the code, the safe will shut down for a certain period of time after a maximum number of PIN tries. Keypad code safes are indeed convenient and secure but are battery operated and can be quite expensive.

In the United States, owning a gun is a part of the nation’s heritage, written into the supreme law of the land — the Constitution. But exercising Second Amendment rights also requires exercising prudence and caution. So, when it comes to responsible gun ownership, knowing how to properly store and lock away unused firearms is simply part of the basics.

By owning a gun safe that locks and secures its contents, you are given the benefit of preventing the weapon from getting into the wrong hands while also being able to access it in times of need. But how do you find the most suitable gun safe to fulfill your needs? There are many diversified storage options available at various prices.
COMBINATION SAFES

The combination safe has been around for over 150 years and is still a trustworthy standby for securing valuables. Combination safes are highly durable and quite secure because of the use of a combination dial. This type of safe also tends to be a cost effective choice for firearm owners. However, if after setting the combination you would like to alter it, you must call a locksmith to do so. This safe also does not open as quickly as a safe with a keypad. This does not apply, though, if the safe has an integrated key within the combination.

BIOMETRIC LOCK SAFES

Safes that possess a biometric lock come in many sizes, prices, and differ in levels of security. Biometric locks use fingerprint identification to open the lock. In fact, a majority of these types of safe can hold anywhere from 30 to 150 different fingerprints. For added convenience, some biometric locks also possess a keypad independent of the biometric lock just in case the scanner will not read the fingerprints. A key to the safe is also provided if both of the former attempts fail. The GunVault® single gun safe has been one of the more popular biometric safes in recent years. It opens vertically at the scan of your fingerprint, with the gun in an easily attainable position.
IN-WALL SAFES

In comparison to mobile safes, wall safes cannot be moved. This feature takes away some accessibility but adds additional security to the safe. In-wall safes are available in different sizes to accommodate the amount of firearms you intend to store. These safes are also offered with different types of locks, such as keypad, combination, or biometric.

In this same category are some of the concealment safes or storage devices. Tactical Walls® has made some incredibly concealed shelves and wall hangings. These are accessed in many different ways, including by magnetic key or by pushing on a certain area of the clock.
FIREPROOF AND WATERPROOF SAFES

Steel safes are still vulnerable to fires and foods. Purchasing a fireproof or waterproof safe adds an additional level of protection from the potential harm brought on by these disasters.

With the substitute of tactical walls and covers that hide weapons in plain sight, such as behind a mirror or in a clock, you must also remember that this security option does not protect against theft as well as safes or locking cabinets. However, what they lack in security they make up for in convenience. Tactical walls and covers are perfect for hiding several weapons around the house in the event that there is an intruder and it is not possible to get to the safe in time. Although hidden, it is still imperative that tactical walls or shelves be positioned in high places to keep out of the reach of children.

How about a clock for your Glock?
INNOVATIVE SAFES

There have been many innovations in safe design in the past 30 years. Size has increased. Fire resistance and proofing has improved. There are even different shapes to store more firearms and display them in different ways.

One of the innovators in the shape and design of safes is Pendleton™ with their Revolution Technology™. This unique circular design with a modular shelving system rotates 360° at the touch of a button (on motorized models) to bring your guns directly to you. Non-motorized models are just as easy. Pendleton’s shelving system comes equipped with handles that allow smooth manual rotation of the shelving unit. No more bangs, scratches or dents — just hassle-free access to your entire collection.

But don’t be fooled by Pendleton’s small footprint. Its unique rounded design enables the safe to fit easily into corners or tight spaces without sacrificing storage capacity. With a fully-customizable modular shelving system, Pendleton safes are capable of comfortably storing up to 40 long guns and 54 pistols, for a total of 94 guns in a 72” tall, 32” diameter configuration. The rounded design also makes it extremely difficult for a thief to gain unauthorized access by laying the safe down and prying open the door. Since there are no flat surfaces, the safe will simply roll as force is applied, making it nearly impossible to acquire leverage!

If purchasing a gun safe is not an option, the alternative is to use a locking steel cabinet. The cabinet’s steel is thinner than its gun safe counterparts and many have simpler locking mechanisms. However, steel cabinets are often cheaper, and due to their light weight can easily be installed on second floor apartments or houses where safes cannot.
Once you purchase a safe or a locking steel cabinet, it is imperative that it be bolted to the ground to protect against theft. A safe isn’t safe if it moves!

Once you have chosen the safe that best suits your needs and budget, it is important to properly store the firearms in the safe. Storing weapons properly will not only keep you and your family safe, it will also protect the gun from being damaged.

Below are a few tips on how to properly store your weapon:

• Store long guns, such as rifles and shotguns, muzzle down in order to stop oils and solvents from trickling down into the stock. This will also keep people from accidentally shooting themselves.

• Do not keep a round in the chamber — it is asking for trouble all around.

• Make sure that the safe is kept dry and that humidity is kept to a minimum. If the safe is too damp, it could allow the guns to rust.

• Obtain trigger locks. Trigger locks have one objective: to keep the gun from firing. However, a gun owner needs to make sure that the gun is unloaded because the trigger lock does come in contact with the trigger.

• Properly oil rifles. This will keep them lubricated when shooting and will block moisture from getting in. Moisture can also be reduced from the use of an airtight vacuum bag.

• Put firearms in gun socks. A gun sock will protect the finish on the gun if it bumps into another firearm or something happens to fall on it while in storage.

Thousands of people are injured or killed by the mishandling of guns every year. Many of these potentially fatal situations could have been prevented by the proper storage of a locked gun kept inside a gun safe or locking cabinet. To protect against the possibility of a tragedy, every gun owner should consider purchasing one of the security options listed above. The safety of you and your family is worth the few hundred dollars it costs to properly store a firearm.

There is no price that can be put on saving a life.
Resources

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Tacticalwalls.com
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