

SAFE STORAGE SAVES LIVES

It's common to help prevent a friend from driving if they've been drinking. Helping a friend with the safe storage of firearms can save their life if they're having a mental health struggle. Let's normalize the conversation with the facts listed here!



DO YOU CHECK THIS BOX?



DO YOU OWN A GUN?

Or, do you know someone close to you that does?

What if you or they are going through a hard time? Check the box on the back of the sheet to stay informed and prepared.



IN 2021

60.5%

Of all suicide deaths in Stark County were by firearm.

Stark County's Coroner's office

Putting **time** and **distance** between someone at risk for suicide and a gun may save a life.

1 in 10

firearm suicides involved a gun that was purchased or rented within a week of the suicide.

Store firearms safely to reduce the risk of harm to yourself or others.



Gun Locks



Gun Case/Safe



Offsite Storage

Consider temporary off-site storage if you or a family member may be suicidal or going through a rough time. When someone is **at risk**, temporarily storing guns away from home may save their life.

In a crisis?
Call 330-452-6000 or 988

DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR FIREARMS?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Responsible firearm ownership

INCLUDES HAVING A FIREARM PLAN

Firearm Life Plan is an easy to use toolkit to facilitate conversation about firearms, aging, and planning for the future. Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to learn more.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AT RISK?

Struggling with depression, alcoholism, addiction, or other mental health issues, especially when life crises like divorce, arrest, job loss, financial problems, etc., lead to feeling hopeless or trapped.

Friends and family, gun shops, shooting ranges, or the police may provide safe storage until the situation improves.



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