

## SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS

Due to recent national issues involving the general subject of firearms, the following suggestions and reminders are issued to residents who own firearms and the importance of their proper storage.

Current national statistics indicate that firearms are kept in approximately one in three U.S. households where children reside. Once again national statistics indicate that every day seven children between the ages of one and nineteen die from gun violence. (Murder or suicide) In addition, unintentional shootings cause a number of firearm related deaths among children and a child's ability to gain access to a firearm kept in a home is a serious additional concern.

If you do choose to keep a firearm(s) in your home, there are several recommended steps to take to reduce the possibility of an unintentional firearm related death or injury to your children and also the risk of an unauthorized person(s) from accessing your firearm(s).

These recommendations include, but are not limited to:

1. Firearms should be stored in a location that is not accessible to children or any other unauthorized person. It is a common misbelief that children do not know where home firearms are kept. Recent facts indicate that eight in ten first graders know where their parents' firearms are hidden.
2. Store firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case.
3. Store ammunition in a locked place AWAY from the firearm storage.
4. Keys and/or combination locks should not be accessible to children or any unauthorized person(s).
5. Use safety devices, such as trigger locks or cable locks that can prevent children or unauthorized person(s) from loading and using the firearm(s)
6. Have all person(s) whom you may want to be able to use the firearm get the proper training

Also, you should be aware of N.J. Statute 2C:58-15. This in part states that a firearm owner could be charged with a disorderly persons offense if a minor gains access to a loaded firearm on your premises.

PLAN AHEAD TO BE SAFE SO THAT YOU ARE SAFE!