

3 Ways to Make Your Home Safer

Protect against suicide and unintentional injuries by routinely securing firearms and medications.

Locking up firearms and medications can decrease the likelihood that someone in your home will act impulsively and injure themselves or others.

In Washington state, 69% of all firearm-related deaths are suicides, and many other deaths from firearms and medications are from improper storage.

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FOLLOW BASICS OF FIREARM STORAGE

- Always use safes and locks to secure firearms. Place the key or combination where others can't find it.
- Do not allow unauthorized access for children or youth.
- Transfer firearms out of the home during times of increased risk.

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PRACTICE MEDICATION SAFE STORAGE

- Lock up medications, except for a one-week supply.
- Limit access to a one-day dose during mental health crisis.
- Return unused meds to a drop box at any pharmacy.

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FIND HELP

- Call or text 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- Temporarily transfer firearms to family or friends for safe keeping. Learn more at: <https://inthe forefront.org>
- Learn where to return unused meds at: www.medtakebackwashington.org.