

Voluntary Temporary Safe Storage of Firearms

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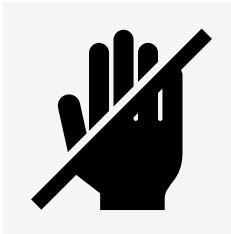
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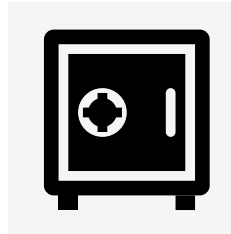


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Methods



Do-not-sell and
Prohibited Purchaser
Lists



Out-of-home Storage
and Firearm Hold
Agreements



Waiver of Right to
Purchase and Possess
Firearm

Colorado: Out-of-home Storage and Waiver



- **CO § 25-1-131**
 - Department of Health shall provide information on its website about community programs that allow firearms owners to voluntarily and temporarily store a firearm at a secure location outside of the home, including a firearms retailer, gun range, or law enforcement agency
- **Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition**
 - Statewide map of businesses offering safe storage
 - The University of Colorado published [a toolkit](#) for creating maps of voluntary out-of-home firearm storage locations
- **CO SB 34 ([2025](#))**
 - Establishes a voluntary no-buy list, allowing individuals to proactively prevent themselves from purchasing firearms during periods of personal crisis
 - Serves as a voluntary waiver of the right to purchase a firearm
 - Includes a 30-day waiting period before waiver can be revoked

California: Out of Home Storage

- **CA Penal Code § 29830**
 - Individuals who are temporarily prohibited from owning or possessing firearms, ammunition, or ammunition feeding devices may transfer those items to a licensed firearms dealer for safekeeping
 - Dealer or vendor that receives the firearm must notify the California Department of Justice of the date they took possession
- **CA Code of Regulations § [4028](#)**
 - Requires firearms dealers to report additional information about the temporarily prohibited person, a description of the items being relinquished, and the dealer/vendor storing the item.



Louisiana and Montana: Firearm Hold Agreements and Civil Liability

- **Louisiana R.S. § 40:1800**
 - Allows federal firearms licensees to hold firearms temporarily at the owner's request.
 - Provides for civil immunity for injuries or death resulting from the agreement, unless the FFL engaged in unlawful conduct
- **Montana § 27-1-748**
 - Provides immunity to individuals or private entities who return firearms after a hold agreement



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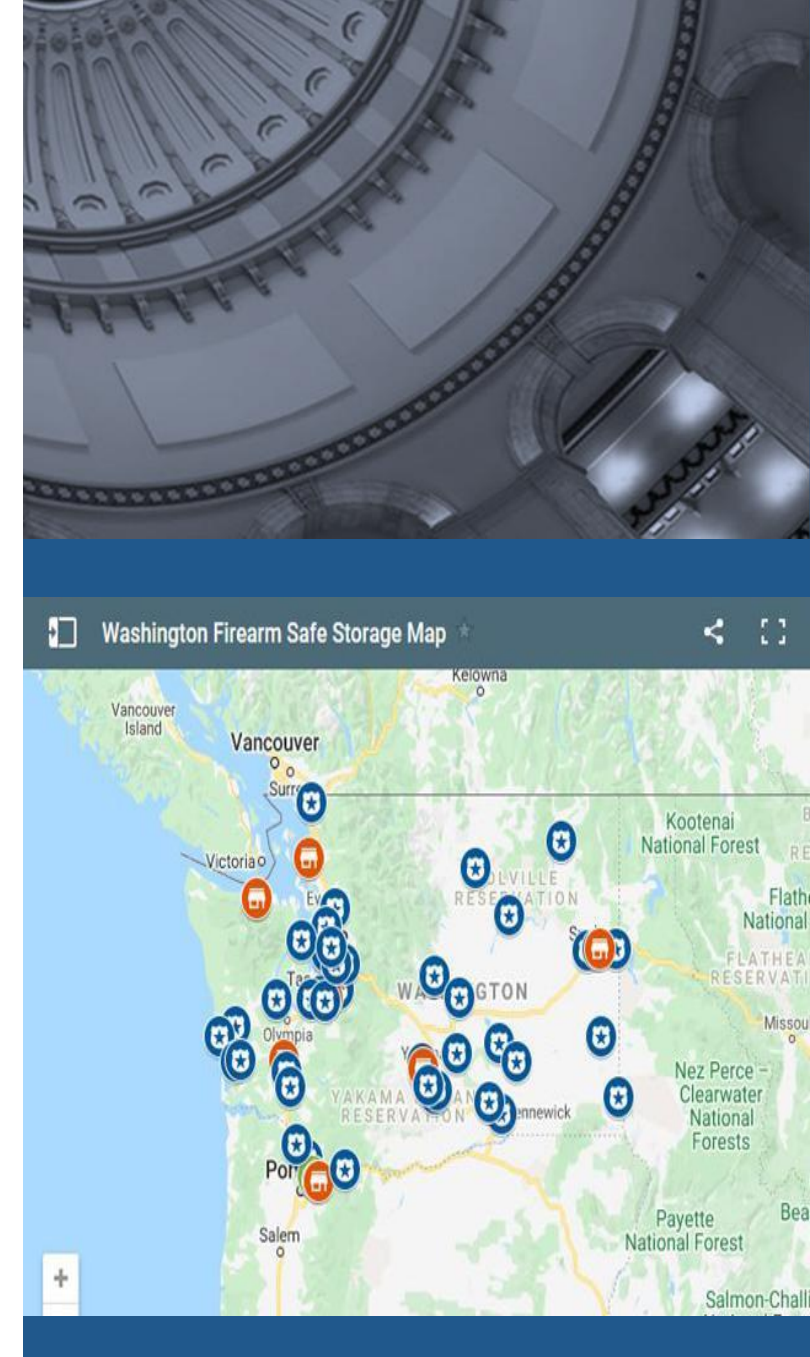
2025 Legislation

Enacted

- **Arkansas HB 1067 (enacted)**
 - Establishes firearm hold agreements and shields FFLs from civil liability for actions taken under such agreements.
- **Alabama SB 40 (enacted)**
 - Allows for a firearm hold agreement between a federal firearm licensee and an individual firearm owner for the licensee to take physical possession of the firearm at the owner's request, hold the firearm for an agreed period of time, and then return the firearm to the owner
 - Also provides immunity from civil liability for the licensee against claims from the firearm owner
- **Nevada AB 451 (enacted)**
 - Provides for civil liability immunity for licensed firearms dealers regarding any act or omission arising from the voluntary firearm hold agreement

Washington: Waiver of Right

- **RCW § 9.41.350**
 - A person may file a voluntary waiver of firearm rights, either in writing or electronically, with the clerk of the court in any county in the state
 - May not file a revocation of the voluntary waiver until seven calendar days after filing
- **Funding**
 - Legislature appropriated \$1 million in state funds for 2024-25 to support safe storage programs and suicide prevention outreach and education efforts across the state
 - Funding has been distributed so far as [follows](#):
 - Public Health Seattle & King County, \$400,000 (\$200,000 per fiscal year), [Lock It Up program](#), statewide
 - Seattle Children's Hospital, \$400,000 (\$200,00 per fiscal year), Safe Firearm Storage Program



Research

- **Law enforcement providing storage**
 - 53% provided storage
 - 60% received at least one storage request
 - 41% declined firearm return
- **Retailers and ranges**
 - 44.5% provided storage
 - 80.3% currently offer storage
 - 19.7% had stopped offering storage
 - 68.8% had not heard of gun storage maps
 - 82.5% did not believe they were listed on maps



2025 Legislation

Failed or Pending

- **Vermont HB 20 (failed)**
 - Would establish a voluntary program for temporary relinquishment of firearms for those experiencing a mental health or other crisis
 - Would provide immunity from civil liability for the firearm dealer ensuring temporary safekeeping
- **Maine H.B. 779 (enacted)**
 - Would allow a gun shop to take possession from a firearm owner by entering into a firearm hold agreement
 - Limits civil liability
 - Would require gun shops to contact the owner of the firearm every 6 months after taking possession of the firearm until the firearm is returned to the owner of the firearm
- **Arizona HB 2618 (failed)**
 - Would allow a person to volunteer to be considered a prohibited possessor, which would prohibit both purchase and possession
 - 30-day limit before restoration of those rights may be requested

Local Initiatives and Third-Party Efforts



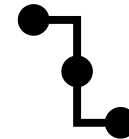
Cincinnati Police Department

- Started a Safe Storage Program in December of 2024
- Allows firearm owners to temporarily store their firearms at a secure CPD location for up to six months
- Secured initially for 3 months then contact owner to determine if they want to extend another three months.



Vermont State Police

- Allows individuals to voluntarily surrender firearms
- Law enforcement agencies typically assist with relinquishment only if there is a court order that requires the gun owner to relinquish the firearm



The Armory Project

- Connects gun owners with voluntary, temporary firearm storage options in the community for several states
- Maintains updated maps for Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, and Louisiana



- [Owner Willingness to Temporarily Store Firearms with Firearm Retailers and Law Enforcement Agencies](#) (2025)
- [Cincinnati Police Department offers voluntary safe storage program](#) (2024)
- [Voluntary, temporary, out-of-home firearm storage: a qualitative study of stakeholder views](#) (2022)
- [Gun Violence: Safe Storage](#) (2025)
- [Views of voluntary, temporary out-of-home firearm storage among individuals living in a firearms owning home: results from a qualitative study in two states](#) (2024)
- [Voluntary, temporary out-of-home firearm storage: a survey of law enforcement agencies in two states](#) (2022)
- [Voluntary, temporary out-of-home firearm storage: a survey of firearm retailers and rangers in two states](#) (2022)



Additional Resources



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