

Safe Home Checklist

Never leave a firearm lying around.

Firearms should be securely stored in locations that are inaccessible to children and other unauthorized person(s).

Ammunition should be stored separately from any firearm and be securely placed in areas inaccessible to children and other unauthorized person(s).

If you own a firearm, they should be secured in a gun safe, cabinet or vault.

Firearms should also be secured with trigger controlled devices.

Firearms should be stored unloaded.

Firearms and ammunition should be stored in dry cool places away from heat and fire.

Keys to storage areas or codes for safes should be kept where children cannot find them.

Firearms kept for security reasons should be fully controlled at all times.

Final Note

Common Sense can prevent most problems before they occur.

Stay Alert. With busy schedules, time constraints, and routines, we often become complacent. By utilizing these simple tactics, you can reduce your chances at becoming a victim.

Gun safety starts with you.

If you see a crime being committed or you find someone or something to be suspicious, call the police. Do not shrug it off thinking someone else may call.

Consider enrolling in a situational and defensive training program.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department continues to offer free security surveys for residences or businesses. Presentations are also available.

Emergency: 911
Non Emergency: 954-828-5700

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General Firearm Handling

Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.

Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Always keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

Always keep the firearm unloaded until you are ready to use it.

Never point the firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.

Be aware of your target and what is beyond it.

Learn the proper mechanical and handling characteristics of the weapon you are using.

Always use proper ammunition.

Be aware of your surroundings when handling any firearm so you do not trip or lose your balance and accidentally point and/or fire the firearm at anyone or anything.

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Talking to Children about Firearms

Even if you do not own a gun, children need to learn how you want them to act around firearms.

Children may not realize that guns can be deadly due to unrealistic images seen in cartoons, movies and video games.

If a child comes across a firearm they should know to:

**Stop
Don't Touch
Get Away
Tell an Adult**

Talking to Children about Firearms

It should be stressed to children to leave immediately if they ever see a gun.

Parents should express to children they should not go looking for firearms in your house or friend's house.

Talk about specific examples of places where your children may see or encounter a firearm. Examples can include:

A friend shows your child his dad's gun.

Your child sees a firearm in a classmate's backpack or locker.

Your child sees a person walk into a store holding a gun.

Never assume that your child knows the difference between a real gun and a toy gun.

Do not buy realistic guns for play.

Air soft, paint, and BB guns are not toys.