

# Secure Storage of Firearms Prevents Suicide

A Construction Suicide Prevention Partnership Toolbox Talk

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## We need gun owners to help prevent suicide.

Nationally and in Oregon+, firearms account for the majority of suicides among civilians, service members (including National Guard & Reserves), and Veterans. Firearms are now the leading cause of death among youth.

The construction industry prioritizes safety on the job site. We need you also to prioritize safety at home.



### #1 Firearms Should Always be Securely Stored.

- Secure storage of firearms is a requirement in Oregon law.
- Increasing the time and space between someone in a suicidal crisis and access to a lethal means such as a firearm can save lives.
- Secure storage assures that children are kept safe and unauthorized access doesn't happen.
- Place pictures of loved ones, your suicide prevention safety plan, or other reasons for living on or near where you securely store your firearms. Visual reminders can give us pause during a crisis.



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## #2 Temporary Out of Home Safe Storage is Recommended When:

- You or someone in your family has (including recent) thoughts of suicide, a recent suicide attempt, is struggling with financial stress, relationship stress, alcohol, and/or other substance use.
- You will be traveling and away from your firearms or have children or other visitors staying in your home.
- Firearms should only be transferred to another adult and must be securely stored during transfer. Review local laws about transferring firearms.

## #3 Talk to Your Buddies and Loved Ones.

- Let your close friends and relatives know if you can help to store their firearms securely.
- Help them locate a local gun shop or shooting range that offers secure storage when needed.
- Spread the word about the 24/7/365 988 crisis line, Press 1 for Veterans.

## #4 Access Resources

### For More Information

Visit [www.Suicide-Stops-Here.org](http://www.Suicide-Stops-Here.org) to access video toolbox talks, resources, and training opportunities.

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