Trigger Lock



What it is: A two-piece lock that fits through the trigger guard.

How it works:
A rigid cylinder fits behind the trigger so the trigger cannot be pulled. A push-button keypad, combination, or key opens the lock.

Features: some models have battery-operated locks, lighted keypads, and anti-tamper alarms.

Price: $5 to $35+

Advantages:
- Inexpensive
- Widely available
- Quick access (keypad models)

Disadvantages:
- Some models will not prevent access by older children or teens
- May not prevent theft, as some locks may be removed later
- May break easily

Personalized Lock

What it is: A safety device permanently installed on a gun by the maker or owner.

How it works: These types of locks vary. Some have a built-in key or combination lock. Others are guns specially designed with a magnetic or electronic lock that only the owner can fire while wearing a special ring or bracelet.

Features: Lock is a part of the gun design or is an after-market add-on. May contain magnetic or electronic components.

These locks are somewhat new and usually costly.

For more information, talk with a federally-licensed firearms dealer or a gun manufacturer.

Four reasons why you should lock your firearms:

Prevent children from being injured or killed.
Each year about 33 Washington children are hospitalized and 19 children die from firearm injuries.

Prevent crimes from being committed with your gun.
Thousands of handguns are stolen each year in the U.S. Many are used to commit other crimes. In 2012, more than $4.5 million worth of firearms were reported stolen in Washington.

Prevent depressed teens from dying by suicide.
A recent study of adolescent suicides found that over half were carried out with a gun from the adolescent's home.

Keep schools gun-free.
During the 2012-2013 school year, the Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction reported 101 incidents involving a firearm on school premises, transportation systems, or school facilities.

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For more information about locking devices and the importance of safe storage of firearms, please visit

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Firearm Locking Devices





Which one is right for you?

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Firearm Locking Devices

There are dozens of devices to lock your firearm.

Visit the California Department of Justice's online roster of Approved Firearms Safety Devices at http://oag.ca.gov/firearms/fsdcertlist for a list of certified firearm safety devices. We encourage you to do your own research on individual safes and locking devices concerning the levels of security they provide before making a purchase.



Lock Box

What it is: A small safe designed to store a handgun.

How it works: Your handgun is locked inside the box. A push-button, combination, digital key-pad, or key opens the lock.

Features: Most models have holes in the bottom to allow permanent mounting. Some have lighted locks for access in the dark. Most have padded interiors.

Price: $40 to $200+

Advantages:
- Quick access if the lock is push-button or digital
- Difficult to steal if permanently mounted
- May allow storage for more than one hangun
- Keeps gun out of sight

Disadvantages:
- Costs more than trigger locks or chamber locks

Gun Vault or Safe

What it is: A safe in a variety of sizes designed to store long guns, handguns, and other valuables.

How it works: Your firearms are locked inside the vault. A push-button, combination or digital key pad opens the lock.

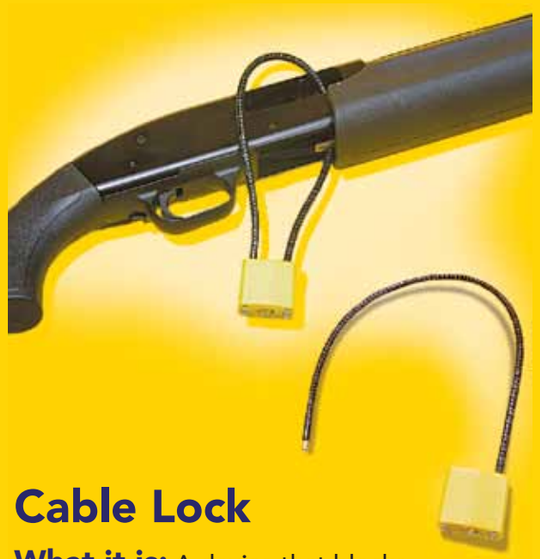
Features: Varies by type and model

Price: $100 to $2,000+

Advantages:
- Difficult to steal
- Allows storage of numberous long guns and handguns
- Allows storage of other personal items
- Usually fire resistant
- Keeps valuables out of sight

Disadvantages:
- Costs more than chamber locks or lock boxes
- Heavy and difficult to move





Cable Lock

What it is: A device that blocks the chamber to prevent a cartridge from being fired.

How it works: Cable locks are inserted in or through the magazine well or chamber, or are inserted through the gun barrel and chamber to block a cartridge from moving into position. A combination or key opens the lock.

Features: Metal cylinders, vinyl covered wire cables, or other designs. Locks may be "universal" or may only fit certain revolver or pistol models. Some models have anti-tamper alarms.

Price: Free to $20+

Advantages:
- Long cables may be threaded through several guns
- Inexpensive

Disadvantages:
- Thin cables could be cut

Remember – Store all firearms locked and unloaded, with ammunition locked separately.

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- **Purchase an approved locking device and ensure the key and/or combination is inaccessible to others**
- **Store firearms locked and unloaded with ammunition locked and stored in a separate location**
- **Hiding guns where you think children or others will not find them is not enough**
- **Visit www.lokitup.org to learn more about the importance of safe storage and available safe storage discounts ***

*** Please note: all firearm storage devices are tax-free in the State of Washington**

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