## What constitutes a locked container? Penal Code 16850

A secure container that is fully enclosed and locked by a padlock, keylock, combination lock, or similar locking device. The term "locked container" does not include the utility or glove compartment of a motor vehicle.







## Authority to Transport Firearms Penal Code 25610

Exceptions to Penal Code 25400 prohibition on carrying concealed firearms (pistols, revolvers, or other firearms capableof being concealed upon the person):

- The firearm is within a motor vehicle, and it is locked in the vehicle's trunk or in a locked container in the vehicle.
- The firearm is carried by the person directly to or from any motor vehicle for any lawful purpose, and, while carrying the firearm, the firearm is contained within a locked container.
- The carrier has a lawfully issued CCW license.

#### **Safety Rules**

Nearly all accidental firearm injuries and deaths result from a failure to adhere to these fundamental safety rules:

- Always follow these rules when handling a firearm.
   Whether you're a new user or an experienced one, make it
   a habit of practicing these rules until they become second
   nature.
- Experienced users, beware of complacency.
   Don't allow your experience to lead to complacency, as safety should always be a top priority.

#### **Examples of Gun locks**





#### **SAFETY RULES**

#### Safety Rule #1

#### Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

Always treat a firearm as if it's loaded, regardless of your certainty about its empty status, and never trust someone else's word on its unloaded status; only verify it yourself to ensure safety.

#### Safety Rule # 2

Never allow the muzzle to point at anything you are not prepared to shoot.

Always keep your weapon's imaginary laser beam on a safe path, avoiding anything you wouldn't want to shoot, and ensure it's pointed in a direction where no one would get hurt if a bullet were accidentally discharged.

#### Safety Rule #3

Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are ready to fire the gun.

Always keep your weapon's imaginary laser beam on a safe path, avoiding anything you wouldn't want to shoot, and ensure it's pointed in a direction where no one would get hurt if a bullet were accidentally discharged.

#### Safety Rule #4

### Be aware of your target and what lies beyond it.

Always make sure you positively identify your intended target, exercise absolute certainty in your shooting decisions, be mindful of bullets potentially passing through targets, and consider the possibility of missing, especially in high-stress situations.

Firearm safety becomes your responsibility if you or someone in your household owns a firearm.

# FIRE ARM SAFETY





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# FIREARM SAFETY

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is committed to promoting community safety through education on responsible firearm handling, storage, and usage, fostering trust and enhancing policing effectiveness.

## Criminal Storage of Firearms Penal Code 25100

- a) Except as provided in Section 25105,a person commits the crime of "criminal storage of a firearm in the first degree" if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- 1) The person keeps any firearm within any premises that are under the person's custody or control.
- 2) The person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, or that a person prohibited from possessing a firearm or deadly weapon pursuant to state or federal law is likely to gain access to the firearm.
- 3) The child obtains access to the firearm and thereby causes death or great bodily injury to the child or any other person, or the person prohibited from possessing a firearm or deadly weapon pursuant to state or federal law obtains access to the firearm and thereby causes death or great bodily injury to themselves or any other person



#### **BASIC GUN TERMINOLOGY**



- **b)** Except as provided in Section 25105, a person commits the crime of "criminal storage of a firearm in the second degree" if all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- 1) The person keeps any firearm within any premises that are under the person's custody or control.
- 2) The person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian, or that a person prohibited from possessing a firearm or deadly weapon pursuant to state or federal law is likely to gain access to the firearm.
- 3) The child obtains access to the firearm and thereby causes injury, other than great bodily injury, to the child or any other person, or carries the firearm either to a public place or in violation of Section 417, or the person prohibited from possessing a firearm or deadly weapon pursuant to state or federal law obtain access to the firearm and thereby causes injury, other than great bodily injury, to themselves or any other person, or carries the firearm either to a public place or in violation of Section 417
- c) Except as provided in Section 25105, a person commits the crime of "criminal storage of a firearm in the third degree" if the person keeps any firearm within any premises that are under the person's custody or control and negligently stores or leaves a firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or logal guardian, unless reasonable action is taken by the person to secure the firearm against access by the child

## Loaded Firearms in Public Penal Code 25850 and 26100

- Illegal to carry a loaded firearm on the person or in a vehicle while in any public place or on any public street.
- Drivers or owners of vehicles may be criminally liable for knowingly permitting anyone to carry or bring a loaded firearm into the vehicle.





#### Carrying Concealed Firearms Penal Code 25400

It is illegal to do any of the following:

- Carry concealed within any vehicle a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed on the person.
- Carry concealed upon the person any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.
- Cause to be carried concealed within any vehicle in which the person is an occupant any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person

## Leaving firearms accessible in an unattended vehicle. Penal Code 25140

Four options:

- 1) Lock the handgun in the vehicle's trunk.
- 2) Lock the handgun in a locked container and place the container out of plain view.
- 3) Lock the handgun in a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior and not in plain view.
- 4) Lock the handgun in a locked toolbox or utility box.



