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Adapted from the Veterans  
Crisis Line Gun Safety Video  
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## **References**

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# **GUN SAFETY**

## **No One Can Un-Fire a Firearm**



For someone in a crisis, a locked firearm can mean the difference between a tragic outcome and a life saved.



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## Significance to Veterans

- Veterans use firearms more frequently than the general population in acts of suicide.
- The risk of suicide is up to 10 times greater in homes with guns.
- Suicidal feelings often pass quickly. Easy access to firearms can turn a temporary situation into a permanent tragedy.

## How to Help

Keep guns secure, especially when:

- times are chaotic, stressful, or emotional
- someone is impaired by drugs or alcohol
- a family member is depressed or feeling hopeless



## Proper Storage

- **UNLOADED**
- Ammunition should be stored **SEPARATELY**.
- **LOCKED** – Use a gun lock, a lock box, or a gun safe or cabinet.

**FREE GUN LOCKS are available from:**

**Suicide Prevention Team**  
Building 111, Room 3246

**Milwaukee VAMC Police Department**  
Building 111, 1st floor

**If you are thinking about harming yourself, consider temporarily removing any guns from the home.**



Confidential support is only a call, click, or text away.

VeteransCrisisLine.net • Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255, press 1 • Send text to 838255