

Garwood Police Department

Safe Practices for Firearms Storage

The Garwood Police emphasize that owning a firearm comes with both rights and responsibilities. There is no magic solution that will eradicate mass shootings, teen suicides, or accidental shootings with firearms in the home. But we can all do our part to reduce the likelihood of these tragedies occurring. The easiest way to avoid an accident is to simply lock up your firearm when it's not in use.

Secure Storage means, "**Locking It Up**" not storing it under your pillow or mattress. If it is easily accessible to you, it's also easily found and accessible to your children.

We teach drivers to buckle up in case of accidents and to lock their cars to prevent theft. The same logic applies to firearms. We urge owners to lock up their firearms when not in use to prevent accidents and keep them out of the wrong hands. Keep a personal firearms record of what firearms you own including the make model and serial numbers of both long arms and handguns. Attached is a copy of a Personal Firearms Record (PFR) for your convenience. Please speak to a member of the Garwood Police for advise on proper storage units and locations where they can be purchased. Remember, never, let your gun get into the wrong hands.

We encourage an open dialogue among the general public, specifically adults with their children, about firearms and firearms safety. The Garwood Police stress the need for responsible storage of firearms in the home and reporting lost or stolen firearms to local law enforcement without delay.

Chief Bruce D. Underhill

Lost/Stolen Firearms Investigations

Each year, thousands of firearms are reported lost or stolen. The owners' ability to adequately identify these firearms is central to law enforcement's ability to investigate these crimes and losses. Insurance claims and reacquisition of recovered firearms will also hinge on the ability to correctly identify these firearms.

By completing this record and maintaining it in a safe location, separate from your firearms, you will be not only protecting your own property, you will be taking an important first step in the effort to prevent thefts and to keep firearms out of the hands of criminals.

This is a personal record only. The information will not be collected or maintained by ATF or any other Federal Government agency.



Personal Firearms Record

Keep this list separate from your firearms to assist police in the event your firearms are ever lost or stolen.



“A stolen gun threatens everyone.”

Personal Firearms Record

Immediately report any theft or loss of firearms to your local police.

Firearms Description and Origin

<i>Manufacturer/ Importer</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>Serial Number</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Caliber/ Gauge</i>	<i>Date Acquired</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Purchase Location (Name and Address)</i>	<i>Sold/Transferred to: (Name, Address & Date)</i>
			Shotgun					
			Revolver					
			Revolver					
			Receiver					
			Receiver					
			Shotgun					
			Other					
			Other					
			Revolver					

A complete description of each firearm is vitally important to law enforcement in the investigation and recovery of your firearms and to your ability to prove ownership.