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Free Firearm Safety Locks

The Woodstock Police Department would like make its residents aware that we offer free firearm cable locks and instructions on how to properly use them to assist in assuring your firearm is secure.

All too often, families are devastated by tragic incidents of children finding unsecured firearms in their homes. These incidents can absolutely be avoided by responsible gun ownership. As a firearms owner, it is your responsibility to always store your firearms where they are inaccessible to children. Simply hiding a gun in a closet or drawer is **NOT** safe storage.

Pick-Up Procedure:

- Free cable locks can be picked up 24 hours a day - 7 days a week, by responding to the Woodstock Police Department, located at 656 Lake Ave. Woodstock, IL. *Please do not bring your firearms to the Police Department.*

In addition, the Woodstock Police Department offers the following:

Guidelines for Safe Storage of Firearms:

- Firearms should be stored in a locked safe, gun vault or secure storage case; which would be inaccessible to children.
- Gun locking devices, such as a cable lock, can and should be used when stored.
- Ammunition should be stored in a secure location, separate from your firearms.

As children are instinctively curious about firearms and may be tempted to “play” with a firearm they find, it is very important to talk to them about firearms. Make sure your children understand these safety guidelines:

Talking to your children:

- Don't go snooping, or allow friends to go snooping, for guns in the house.
- If you find a gun in your house, or anywhere else, STOP! Do not touch it or allow anyone else to. Leave the area and immediately tell an adult.
- Even if a gun looks like a toy, don't touch it. Some real guns look like toys, so DON'T take a chance.

More information on how to protect your children can be found at <http://www.projectchildsafesafe.org/>