COLORADO'S SAFE GUN STORAGE LAW

Under Colorado law, firearms must be responsibly and securely stored when they are not in use to prevent access by juveniles and other unauthorized users.

WHAT DOES "RESPONSIBLE STORAGE" MEAN UNDER THE LAW?

- The gun is on your person, or
- The gun is so close to you that you can easily retrieve it as if it were on your body, or
- The gun is kept in a locked gun safe or another secure container, or
- A locking device is properly installed on the gun, or
- The safety characteristics of the gun are activated.

MINORS AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED USERS IN YOUR HOME CANNOT:

- Have access to the gun safe's key
- Know the combination to the safe or storage container
- Be able to open other unlocking mechanisms

A PERSON CAN BE CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A FIREARM IF THEY:

- Keep a gun where a juvenile can gain access to it without permission; or
- Have a gun accessible when a resident of the premises is ineligible to possess a firearm under state or federal law.

THE LAW REQUIRES LICENSED GUN DEALERS TO PROVIDE A LOCKING DEVICE WITH EACH FIREARM AT THE TIME OF SALE OR TRANSFER. FAILURE TO PROVIDE A LOCKING DEVICE IS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY $500 FINE.

Find out about upcoming events and more gun violence prevention efforts at the Boulder District Attorney’s Office: https://bouldercounty.gov/district-attorney/