

# BUYING YOUR FIRST GUN



Firearm ownership is a right enjoyed by many Americans, and with that right comes the responsibility to safely handle and store firearms. The National Shooting Sports Foundation® and Project ChildSafe® remind new gun owners in particular of the many firearm safety materials they make available to help prevent accidents, theft and misuse.

[Visit ProjectChildsafe.org](https://ProjectChildsafe.org) for the interactive version

## GIVE YOUR PURCHASE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

*Talk to family members about your reasons for purchasing; consult a firearm retailer about choosing the right firearm for your budget and intended use. Learn about gun laws.*

[Find a Retailer](#)

[Road to Responsibility](#)

[Paths to Gun Safety](#)

## SAFELY HANDLE AND STORE YOUR FIREARMS

*Know the basic rules of gun safety. Understand safe storage options available to you. Talk to your children about gun safety.*

[Safe Storage Options](#)

[Gun Safety Video](#)

[Kids Gun Safety Videos](#)

## KEEPING A GUN FOR HOME PROTECTION

*A lock box is a good choice to provide ready access to you but prevent access by children and others.*

[Gun Safety Video](#)

[Safe Storage Video](#)

## IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

*Take a course with a certified instructor. Understand how your gun works. Practice to improve safe handling and marksmanship skills.*

[NSSF YouTube Channel](#)

[Range Safety & Etiquette Video](#)

## ENJOY THE SHOOTING SPORTS

*Target shooting is a fun, social activity. Join a shooting league or organization. Hunting might be for you.*

[LetsGoShooting.org](https://LetsGoShooting.org)

[LetsGoHunting.org](https://LetsGoHunting.org)



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