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Mandatory "Safe Storage" Laws Cost Lives & Result in Gun Confiscation

Title IV—Safe Storage of Protecting Our Kids Act, or H.R. 7910, will give bureaucrats control of property in your home and leave homeowners defenseless

Mandatory "Safe Storage" Laws Are Unsafe

The bill would confiscate guns that are not secured as a "reasonable person would believe secured"¹ from anyone under 18 years old. The language is designed to be vague on what safe storage is because it enables bureaucrats to exploit the law to the furthest extent. These additional requirements make homeowners more likely to be assaulted, do not stop accidental deaths, and will not stop deranged individuals from committing acts of violence.² **These mandatory "safe" storage laws are nothing more than blatant intrusions by the government into the private home and decision-making processes of Americans.** Why should we let D.C. bureaucrats dictate what the best practices are for defending oneself and one's family?

Worse still, any gun owner who does not comply with these obstacles will have their guns confiscated, leaving them completely defenseless.

When Seconds Save Lives, Minutes Kill

These mandatory storage requirements will cost lives. As GOA spokesperson and the hero who stopped the Sutherland Springs church killer with his AR-15, Stephen Willeford³ says, mandatory "safe" storage laws are:

"another measure that totally misses the target. It would not have stopped any of these shootings. I lost 90 precious seconds retrieving my firearm from a safe. I won't make that mistake again."⁴

Without stopping to get his shoes and loading as he ran, Willeford rushed immediately to the church. But he still believes the minute and a half it took to get out his gun cost several lives.

More regulations slow people from saving lives, not just in mass shootings but in cases of everyday home defense situations. Waking up in the middle of the night and having to either open a safe or unlock a trigger lock is like trying to unlock your phone in the rain, except in a high stress situation, in the dark, and with much greater consequences. Adding extra steps in a self-defense scenario will cost valuable minutes and human lives. **Self-defense firearms must be readily accessible.**

Even worse, locking guns away may prevent family members from being able to defend themselves. The tragic deaths of Ashley and John Williams, where a maniac stabbed them with a pitchfork in their beds, was enabled by California's strict storage laws, preventing the oldest sister from retrieving the family's firearm and to fend off the intruder.⁵

Congressman Steube put it best while at the House Judicial Committee: "I'm an American in my own home, and I'll do whatever I want with my guns."⁶ **Don't let the Anti-gun Left leave you defenseless.**



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