Keep Them Safe Act

SECURE STORAGE

For Life's Unexpected Moments

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SECURE YOUR FIREARMS: Stored in secure lockers or safes.

CONVENIENT: Stored on your terms for an agreed-upon time and cost.

RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP: Supporting you and your family during life's challenges.

PEACE OF MIND: Safety today protects tomorrow.

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WHO?
All FFL retail locations and all legal firearm owners will be eligible to participate in this program.

WHAT?
Allows firearm owners to safely store firearms for an agreed-upon period and at an agreed-upon cost. Liability for lost, stolen, or damaged goods falls directly on the firearm owner before, during, and after the storage agreement.

WHERE?
At participating FFL locations, firearms will be stored inside a secured storage locker or safe.

WHEN?
Temporary firearm storage is available through participating FFL locations.

WHY?
Temporary storage may be helpful during a move or home renovation, working out of town, vacation, military deployment, divorce or family crisis, estate settlement or probate, home security upgrades, or when there are mental health or suicide prevention concerns.

BENEFITS FOR RETAILERS

- Build trust with customers and position the store as a community leader.
- Expand customer relationships, services offered, and marketing opportunities.
- Support customers during difficult times.
- Promote responsible firearm ownership.
- Generate revenue through add-on sales when customers return to retrieve firearms.
- Strengthen partnerships with firearm manufacturers.
- Build stronger relationships with law enforcement, healthcare providers, veteran organizations, and other community partners.

KEEP THEM SAFE. KEEP YOUR MIND AT EASE. ASK OUR TEAM TODAY ABOUT SAFE STORAGE OPTIONS.

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SB 273: Keep Them Safe Act FAQs

What is SB 273?

Formally named the Keep Them Safe Act, Ohio Senate Bill 273 was created to increase public safety by allowing firearm owners to temporarily store their firearms with a federally licensed firearm dealer or law enforcement agency. The law provides civil immunity and protection from liability related to the storage and return of firearms.

Who can participate?

Any federally licensed firearm dealer or law enforcement agency in Ohio can choose to store firearms for their community. Any Ohioan who is legally able to own a firearm can have their firearms stored.

Why should FFLs and law enforcement agencies participate?

In addition to being viewed as a community leader, participating in SB 273 can help create safer communities and strengthen relationships with fellow Ohioans, veteran organizations, healthcare providers, and the broader firearm industry. It also demonstrates your commitment to responsible firearm ownership while potentially generating additional revenue.

When might I consider temporarily storing my firearm?

You can choose to temporarily store your firearm for any reason. Common examples include being away from home for vacation, extended work trips, military deployment or training, or home renovations. Temporary storage may also be considered during a divorce or family crisis, estate settlement or probate, home security upgrades, or when concerned about mental health or suicide prevention.

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What are the storage options?

Three main options are available for temporarily storing firearms. The options, terms and conditions, and pricing vary by storage provider and are subject to change.

- **Temporary Storage Agreement:** The FFL or law enforcement agency will document and store the firearm in accordance with state and federal law. The agreement will be for a set number of days. The firearm owner will not have unrestricted access to the firearm, and formal notice may be required for early retrieval. Only authorized FFL employees or law enforcement officers will have access to the stored firearms. Firearms will be logged by the storage provider in accordance with state and federal law.
- **Storage Locker Agreement:** This agreement is similar to a Temporary Storage Agreement, with two key differences: the firearm does not need to be entered into the FFL's bound book, and the firearm owner is the only individual with access to the contents of the storage locker.
- **Gunsmithing Service and Hold:** If a customer needs gunsmithing services performed on a firearm, the firearm may be stored while the service is being completed. Firearms stored under this agreement must be logged in a gunsmithing bound book.

Are storage forms or templates available?

Templates for the three temporary firearm storage options are available below. These templates are provided for reference only and should be reviewed by legal counsel on behalf of all parties involved in temporary storage.

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How long can firearms be stored?

The length of a temporary storage agreement may be determined on a case-by-case basis or set by the FFL or law enforcement agency as a standard minimum or maximum period.

What happens when firearms aren't picked up?

If firearms are not retrieved within the agreed-upon storage period, the FFL or law enforcement agency may consider them abandoned and take additional action, including absorbing them into inventory, selling, disposing of, or destroying them to reclaim storage space. Storage providers are strongly encouraged to make all reasonable attempts to contact the firearm owner before considering firearms abandoned or taking additional action.

What is the charge for temporary storage, and is financial assistance available?

Charges for temporary storage vary by participating location. Check with your local suicide prevention coalition, veteran organization, or VA clinic for information about financial assistance.

What if my FFL or law enforcement agency does not want to participate in the Keep Them Safe Act?

Participation in the Keep Them Safe Act is completely voluntary. You can still support the Act by promoting safe storage at participating locations, which can be found at lifesideohio.org.

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“Keep Them Safe Ohio” Firearm Temporary Storage Agreement

4473 Background Check Required prior to Return of Firearms

Storage Agreement (Retailer): _____

Storage Agreement (Customer): _____

Date: _____

Storage Agreement Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Cost per day: $_____ per day

Discretionary Notice: The retailer listed above has sole discretion to decide whether to store firearms. The retailer may deny participation for any lawful reason, may terminate this agreement at any time, and will return the firearm(s) to the customer/legal owner within a reasonable time. The retailer is not required to enter into a temporary storage agreement with any person. The procedures for intake of firearms under the Keep Them Safe Ohio Temporary Storage Agreement are as follows:

The temporary storage customer _____ will:

- NOT bring ammunition with or have any ammunition loaded into firearm chamber, magazine, or other storage devices when participating in the temporary storage agreement.
- Contain firearm(s) in a case, range bag, or lock box when entering and/or exiting the retailer prior to and after temporary storage agreement.
- Only use temporary storage agreements for firearm(s) that he/she has legal ownership of.
- Reserve the right to terminate the temporary storage agreement at any time upon written notice. (The retailer must give adequate time to return the firearm(s) to the customer.)

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- Produce legal and accurate form of identification (Driver’s License or other state issued ID) that complies with form 4473, prior to participation in the firearm temporary storage agreement.
- Produce legal and accurate identification (Driver’s License or other state issued ID) that complies with form 4473 when receiving temporarily stored firearms into possession.
- Pass a 4473-background check when receiving the temporarily stored firearms.
- Pay firearm temporary storage fee, as documented by the participating retailer.
- Retrieve the firearm(s) within ___ days of firearm temporary storage agreement final date otherwise the customer will be subject to additional storage fees and penalties including but not limited to; the retailer taking legal possession of firearm(s).

The participating retailer _____ will:

- Reserve the right to decline participation in firearm temporary storage for any reason or to terminate participation with the customer at any point during the firearm temporary storage agreement timeframe. At that point, the firearm(s) will be returned to the customer/legal owner within a reasonable time.
- Inspect all firearms for quality, condition, and functionality of the firearms prior to signing the firearm temporary storage agreement.
- NOT accept any items that fall under the National Firearms Act (“NFA”).
- NOT accept any firearms for temporary storage that do not comply with city, county, state, and/or federal laws.

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- Only return firearm(s) to the undersigned temporary storage customer (or, in the case of death or other legal incapacitation, to a legally appointed representative; legal documentation is required)
- Will maintain the confidentiality of all information related to the firearm owner/customer seeking to enter into a Firearm Temporary Storage Agreement, as well as all information regarding personal property. This confidentiality extends to instances where service is declined.
- Will contact the above signed customer on the above end date and in the event the customer does not retrieve the stored firearms, an additional $ __ per day will be charged to the customer per day for an additional ___ days.
- After the additional ___ days, if the customer has not picked up the firearms, the retailer reserves the right to deem the firearms abandoned and will absorb the firearms into sellable inventory.

By signing this document, the Temporary Storage Agreement customer acknowledges that he/she has read, understands, and will abide by all the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Firearm Temporary Storage Agreement. All responsibility for damaged, lost, or stolen firearms being temporarily stored under “Keep Them Safe Ohio” with this Firearm Temporary Storage Agreement, will fall under the responsibility of the owner (customer) in addition to any other occurrences involving any/all firearms before, during, or after the Firearm Temporary Storage Agreement dates.

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Customer (Owner)	**Retailer (Manager)**
Name: _____	Name: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

Description of Items being stored under the Temporary Firearm Storage Agreement

(Must be filled out before signing the Temporary Firearm Storage Agreement)

1.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #
2.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #
3.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #
4.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #
5.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #

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Description of Firearms

- Firearm #: _____
- Notes/ Accessories: _____

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“Keep Them Safe Ohio” Private Storage Locker Agreement

Customer Information:

Name (First, MI, Last)

Address

Phone Email Driver’s License No./Expiration Date

Emergency Contact:

Name Phone Email Relationship (Spouse, Parent, Etc.)

Confidentiality Statement: All information regarding the customer (listed above) and all items being stored will be strictly confidential and will not be disclosed to any third-party entity unless instructed by law enforcement.

Discretionary Notice: The above-listed retailer has sole discretion to decide whether to participate in this storage locker agreement. The retailer may deny participation for any reason, may terminate this agreement at any time, and the customer may be asked to retrieve his or her firearm(s) from the storage locker within a reasonable time. The retailer is not required to enter into a Storage Locker Agreement with any person.

Private Storage Locker Agreement Terms and Conditions:

Storage Term & Renewal: Duration of agreement will be ___ days, beginning on the date of Customer’s signature being day 0. Renewal of private storage locker agreement must be made in person and prior to the end of the ___ day period.

Storage Fee: The fee for a ___ day private storage locker rental is $_____ per storage locker. If the customer fails to renew or retrieve the contents from the storage locker, the customer’s credit card will be charged an additional “late pickup fee” of $___ per day, up to ___ days after the agreement starts. If after the ___ days the contents of the storage locker have not been removed, the retailer will then deem them abandoned and absorb them into normal inventory.

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Early Agreement Termination: Customer is permitted to terminate the temporary storage locker agreement at any time with written notice of ten (10) normal business days of the desired termination date.

Usage: The storage locker is designed for personal items belonging to and owned by the above-signed individual ONLY. Storage lockers are not permitted to be shared by anyone other than family members of the same household. If the case of additional household family member(s) is utilizing the same storage locker, customer information (listed on page 1) will be required for all participating individuals.

Weapon Storage: Any weapons stored in the storage locker may be documented prior to placing them in the locker. All weapons must be properly stored in a bag or case at all times and will not be uncased or unholstered at any point inside of the “locker area”. All firearms must be always unloaded and unaccompanied by any ammunition.

Prohibited items: Absolutely no ammunition, flammable liquids, explosives, fireworks, hazardous materials, or National Firearms Act (NFA) items are to be stored inside of the storage lockers at any time. In addition, nothing prohibited by federal law at any point shall be placed inside of the locker for any reason.

Keys and Access: Customer will receive two (2) for the assigned locker. It is the responsibility of the customer to maintain said keys for the duration of the agreement as well as the responsibility of the customer to lock the storage locker. Access to locker(s) will be during the retailer’s normal business hours unless otherwise noted.

Locker Care: Customer is permitted to install shelves and other decorative materials on the interior of the locker. The customer is responsible for removing all previously mentioned shelves and other decorative materials from the interior of the locker. Customer will not be permitted to make any modifications, decorations, or designations to the exterior of the locker. If the customer does make any modifications, decorations, or designations to the exterior of the locker, the customer will be responsible for repair, restoration, and potential replacement of the storage locker. The customer will also be responsible for any costs associated with the repair, restoration, and replacement of the locker.

Non-Liability of Facility: Customer acknowledges and agrees that the locker is not intended to be used as a safe or vault. In addition, all property stored within the locker shall be stored at the customer’s own risk. The services provided by the facility, under this agreement, are supplied strictly on an “as is” and “as available” basis. Facility is not responsible for providing any insurance, additional security, or warranty for the contents stored in the locker.

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Risk of Loss/Damage: Customer assumes all responsibility for all items stored in the locker and will assume all responsibility for damaged, lost, stolen, destroyed, or otherwise for any reason, to the items being stored in the locker under this agreement. Customer acknowledges the responsibility for acquiring any insurance coverage for his/her stored property inside the storage locker and the protection of the items from being lost, stolen, or damaged.

The procedures for the "Keep Them Safe Ohio" Storage Locker Agreement are as follows:

- Customer will check storage locker availability prior to proceeding.
- The retailer will make a photocopy of the customer's driver's license.
- Read through the entire agreement, fill out all necessary information, and sign where applicable.
- The retailer will assign private storage locker numbers and two (2) corresponding keys. The customer will be charged $ __ per key if lost.
- The retailer will annotate the private storage locker agreement with the start date and end date.
- The retailer will attempt to reach out to the customer __ business days before the agreement end date as a reminder that the agreement is coming to an end.
- If customer fails to retrieve all the contents of the locker within ___ days of the agreement's end date, the locker contents will be deemed abandoned and the retailer will use their discretion on how to proceed with the abandoned contents.

Stored Firearms List

1.	Type (Handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #	Damages
2.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #	Damages
3.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #	Damages
4.	Type (handgun/long gun)	Manufacturer	Model	Serial #	Damages

“Keep Them Safe Ohio” Private Storage Locker Agreement

By signing below, the customer agrees that he/she has ready carefully and thoroughly through this document, that all information provided by the customer is true and correct, and that all information, terms, and conditions for the temporary storage locker agreement in the above document is understood and agreed upon by the customer and operating facility.

Customer Name	Customer Signature
Email Address	Date
Locker #	Start Date	End Date
Retail Manager Name	Date
Date	

Firearm Gunsmithing Service Agreement

Date (D/M/YYYY): ___/___/____

Customer Name

Address Phone Number

Retailer Name:

Retail Associate:

Service Provided:

Service Charge $ per firearm

Duration of Service (Days) Date of Pickup

By signing this document, I (customer name) _____ am permitting the gunsmithing service of _____ to be performed on the documented firearm(s) for the above duration, at which time I will pick up the documented firearm(s) from the above documented retailer. If firearm(s) are not retrieved on the date of pickup, I understand that an additional holding fee of $ __ per firearm per day may be required to be paid in addition to the gunsmithing charge.

Customer Signature Date

Firearm Gunsmithing Service Agreement

Firearm(s):

Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number
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Firearm Notes: