

A Gun Owner's Responsibilities

Americans enjoy a right that citizens of many other countries do not—the right to own firearms. But with this right comes a responsibility. It is the gun owner's responsibility to store, operate and maintain his or her firearms safely. It is the gun owner's responsibility to ensure that unauthorized or untrained individuals cannot gain access to his or her firearms. And it is the gun owner's responsibility to learn and obey all applicable laws that pertain to the purchase, possession and use of a firearm in his or her locale. Guns are neither safe nor unsafe by themselves. When people learn and practice responsible gun ownership, firearms are safe.