

Storing & Hiding Your Guns

For everyone's safety!

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- From children
- From thieves
- From law enforcement confiscation by
“red flag” laws



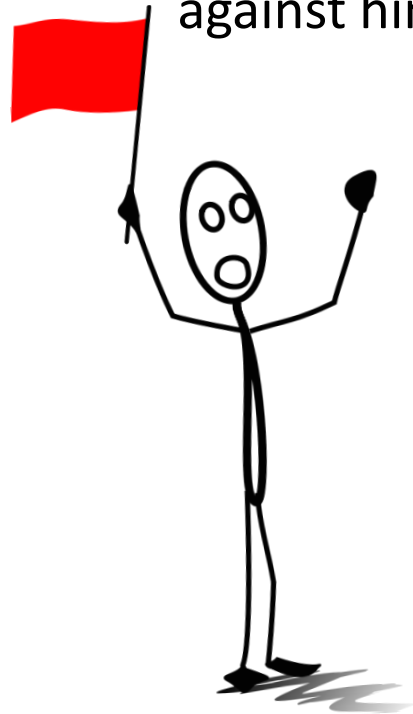
What are **Red Flag** Laws?



- A **Red Flag** bill from the federal government or even from local or state authorities is one which infringes on the Bill of Rights of the Constitution against honest citizens.
- Federal legislative proposals have even offered grants to compel states, counties or municipalities to enact policies that would allow a court or other entity to confiscate firearms or restrict gun access to otherwise law-abiding citizens.
- People already endure background checks, age regulations, and other measures that serve as a check on whether they are deemed “eligible” to own or operate a firearm. Giving the government even more power over this decision is a flagrant violation of several rights guaranteed us under the United States Constitution.
- It is impossible for any red flag law to respect due process or the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. These bureaucrats do not understand that when guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns. They also don’t believe in a right to self-defense.

Red Flag Laws are Un-Constitutional

- They violate the 1st Amendment: Freedom of Speech, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. The 2nd Amendment: The Right to Bear Arms. The 4th Amendment: against unreasonable searches and seizures. The 5th Amendment: to not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. The 6th Amendment: nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation. And the 7th Amendment: to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation and to be confronted with the witnesses against him. How can this be, you say?



- Within the states already enacted, these laws have already taken away firearms legally owned by honest citizens, without compensation or return, without a court of law and jury, and without a search warrant. They have arrested the owners of these firearms for only so little as a neighbor's complaint that the guns exist. The owners have committed no crime, but suddenly find themselves in jail and their property confiscated.
- "They" say it's for the *greater good of the people* (no matter how Communist that sounds), and to feel safer, although ironically, it leaves you defenseless. After all, when seconds count, police are just minutes away. Or hours.

Red Flag Laws, the truth:

In a misguided effort to stop the senseless mass murders by mentally ill individuals, local governments assume anyone who owns firearms is a threat to themselves and others, even if only brought to the attention of the police by a single non-criminal complaint.

Of course, the accuser's identity is never un-masked (in violation of the 7th amendment) and the arrested owner is never given a reason for their arrest except actions against the Red Flag Laws. These Laws permit such illegal activity in the name of protecting the citizens against the nut cases who have criminal intent, by confiscating guns from the non-criminals with good references.

These governments have not returned the guns, either, even after a court has acquitted the owners of the accusation. There is typically no provision in those laws to actually find and investigate real criminals, or any provisions for mental illness detection and assistance.

They refuse to acknowledge that firearms owners have them for protection, for sports, and for the peaceable collection of historic guns. They treat every gun owner as a potential threat to the society they want it to be.



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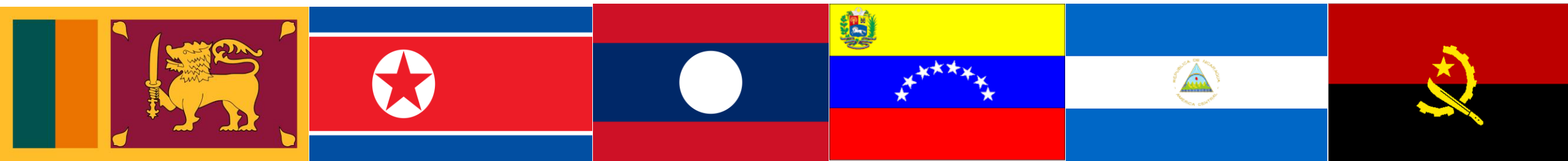
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It is happening all the time now, in states like CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, IL, IN, MD, MA, NJ , NY, OR, NV, RI, VT, VA, and WA that recently have passed Red Flag Laws. MI, MN, NC, OH, PA are currently considering taking them up. When you add in HI, which does not allow any civilian to even own a weapon, that totals 24 states, NEARLY HALF THE COUNTRY have approached the loss of civil liberty that historically have led to countries like Congo, Angola, Venezuela, Cuba, and others becoming Socialist-Communist.

When this happens, then we-the-people cannot fight back without weapons to do so. It was Hitler who said *“To conquer a nation, first disarm its citizens.”* Contrary to what any anti-gun person will tell you otherwise, this is how Socialism-Communism starts. Why does no one learn from history? This is what our founding fathers feared: the loss of Freedom and Liberty by removing the ability to fight to keep it.

For the safeguarding of yourself and your family, DON'T BUY INTO THESE **Red Flag** LIES. You have the right, not the “privilege” to defend yourself against unlawful seizures. Fight them with your right to vote at the ballot box, while you still have that right. Do Not relinquish your God-given rights!



Why hide the guns?

- The number one reason is to keep thieves from finding them.
- The next reason is to keep children from finding them.
- The more recent reason, brought on by local governments in defiance of the US Bill of Rights, is to protect the guns against confiscation by **police** using “red flag” laws.
- Wherever you hide them, they must be accessible to YOU and you must remember where they are.



- Trained police dogs can smell a gun from the gunpowder residue. You **cannot** confuse a trained dog by camouflaging the smell with other scents. However, keeping the handguns in a triple thick freezer-proof ziplock bag in the freezer is an option.

Only *You* need access to it quickly, no one else.

“Hiding” your gun in any of these places will get it stolen in a matter of seconds:

- Nightstand drawers
- Upright in a closet
- Under your mattress or pillow
- Inside a small gun safe (they will take the safe)
- In shoeboxes at the top of closets
- Under chair or couch cushions
- Anywhere in the bedroom!
- In a filing cabinet or desk drawer
- In a cookie jar, cremation urn, or lamp base

Burglary is a crime of opportunity. Confiscation is a crime against the Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties.



**If they find the ammo, they will KNOW
there is a gun hiding somewhere.**

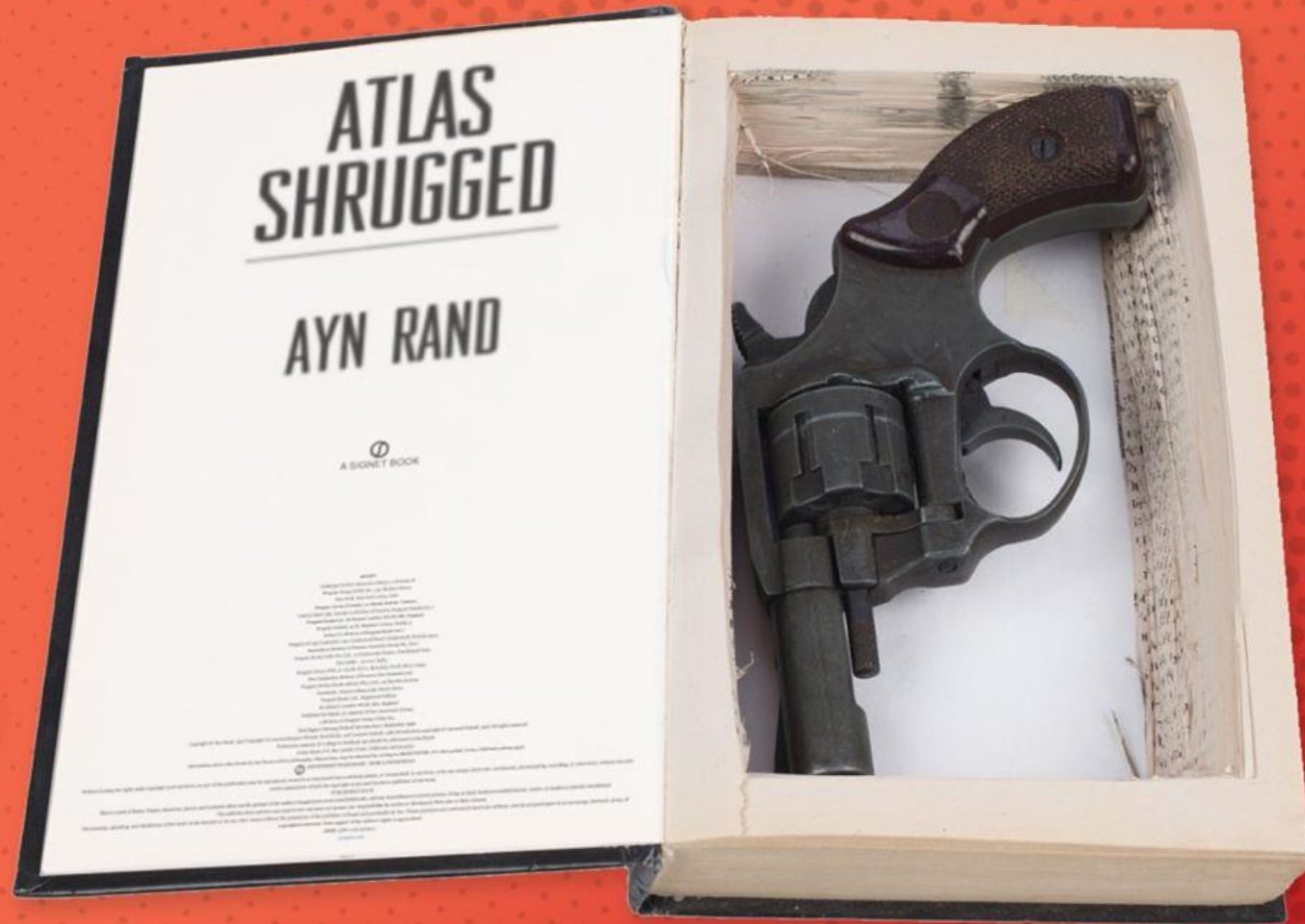
Hide the gun “in plain sight” instead!



- An empty cereal or cracker box
- Large hollowed-out hardcover book (dictionary or Bible-size)
 - In the kitchen, use a cookbook!
- In a grandfather clock cabinet
- Wrapped in freezer paper in the freezer
- In a double Ziplock inside the lint catcher in your dryer
- Inside a box of tampons or incontinence pads / diapers
- Under or inside of a floral table decoration
- In a bag of dry dogfood.
- Hung above the door frame inside a closet.
- Inside the bed box spring between the coils
- Inside a coffee can, paint can, Brillo or detergent box
- In a yarn or sewing basket
- In a refrigerator food container (milk carton?)
- In a muddy rubber boot
- Between stacked soup pots or deep fry pans
- Behind the water heater



HOW TO HIDE A GUN FROM COLLECTIVISTS



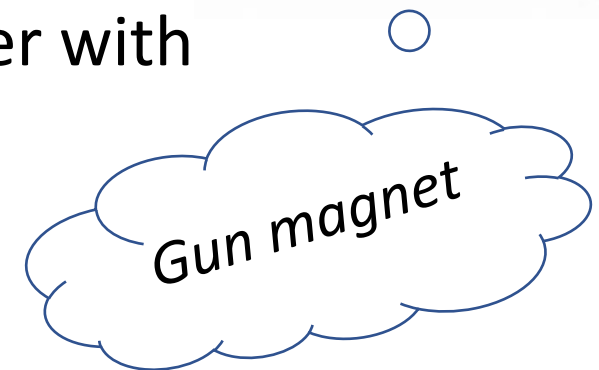
Other places to hide guns and ammo:

- In the sewing machine cabinet
- In a vacuum cleaner
- Stashed in old appliances.
- Hide ammo in false fixtures, wall outlets.
- In a child's room toy box (remove with kids around).
- Hide cash in plain sight with potted plants.
- Inside a foam core interior door
- In a veteran's flag box/etigiere
- False bottom of a kitchen trash can
- Inside a wall-mounted floating shelf
- Behind a deep frame wall clock or painting
- Inside a taxidermy mount, hung out of reach
- Inside heavy winter coat pockets in a closet



These places take a little effort to build....

- Use a hidden drawer section in the nightstand or false bottom
- Inside a fake breaker box panel door
- Taped under open steps or inside un-obvious dead spaces
- Inside a cold air return or vent (in a Ziplock to prevent rusting)
- Behind a large picture frame using a mounted magnet
- In a double Ziplock taped under the commode water tank, or stuck to a secured magnet (inexpensive)
- Between wall studs on an inside wall, covered over with wallpaper with blending pattern



Hiding a shotgun or rifle

This is a tough one! ***Do Not*** put the gun in a closet leaned up against the wall. You could, however, hang it up behind something else tall, like mops or brooms or inside a long raincoat. You might also hang it inside a pair of pants. Just don't let the gun touch the floor, as thieves will be looking down for it, not up.

These are other possible places to hide it:

- Inside a *box spring* mattress.
- Behind tall furniture
- In a musical instrument case
- Behind the freezer-refrigerator
- Between the washer and dryer
- Taped to the back of an upright vacuum cleaner
- Behind the water heater tank



Storing guns and ammo OUTSIDE is more long-term: it will not allow easy or quick access.

- The first thing you may think is, “bury them?” But that is hardly original, especially not in a flower garden. Freshly turned soil is a dead giveaway. Use a gravel driveway, patio block area, or under the doghouse.
- You just can’t seal guns up tight enough against moisture. They must be well-oiled, wrapped and re-wrapped to keep from rusting.
- Bury inside a large capped-off PVC pipe, then dump a box of nails or screws over it near the surface. A searcher with a metal detector will stop after finding the box of steel nails.
- Under the hood of a tractor, suspended in a septic tank, under the cover of an air conditioner condenser, under porch steps, in a fake gutter downspout, in a pile of old tires, or inside large unused children’s toys.



Safe Storage of a Firearm



- If a child has access to a firearm, the owner is responsible. This means arrest and prison time for **you**.
- Always follow the laws of your state regarding keeping a gun locked up and inaccessible to children.
- You can use a gun safe, but the whole safe can be dragged off and stolen. And “they” know where to look for them in your house.
- If the safe is large and bolted to the floor, you stand a better chance, but a crowbar can still loosen it.
- Some states have also outlawed keeping ammo in the gun, requiring separate storage. But how can you use it, then, to defend yourself?



What is a gun safety lever? What does it do?

A handgun other than a revolver is equipped by design to not fire when dropped, to not fire when the bolt slams closed, and not fire when other levers or buttons are pushed. These guns only fire when the trigger is deliberately squeezed. The internal workings are such that pins and levers will block the firing pin or striker from moving forward to impact the live shell in the chamber bypassing the trigger mechanism.

Some handguns are equipped with an ADDITIONAL manually set external safety lever. The purpose of this lever is to prevent the gun from firing when the trigger is squeezed. As soon as this lever is returned to the “not safe” position, the trigger may be squeezed to fire the gun. This lever is NOT an adequate feature to satisfy any state or local laws for additional childproof locks or safes.

In fact, it can work against you: --- ---- ----->

External Safety Features

If you need to use the gun in earnest against an assailant, forgetting to release the manual safety lever on it, if so equipped, will prevent you from immediate action until you remember to do so. (Red dot means ready to fire.) Your one fleeting chance at stopping an assailant could then be past history. Best advice: don't use it, leave it on ready all the time.



A *revolver* with an external hammer that works in DA, or double action, can be set into a “safe” or “decocked” position by pulling the hammer back half-way.

Practice this unloaded! This puts the cylinder out of timing with its rotation, and the hammer will hit steel instead of the bullet primer when the trigger is squeezed. This is not to imply that the gun is safe from firing if dropped, it just might. So extra care is needed. To fire, pull the hammer back all the way. Revolvers **do not** have manual external safety levers.



Double Locked and unloaded is NOT Safer!

An additional firearm safety device may be installed on a firearm, be incorporated into the design of the firearm, or prevent access to the firearm.

DC, NY, Massachusetts and Hawaii are the only states which require that all firearms, loaded or unloaded, handguns or long guns, be stored with a locking device in place when the firearms are not in use. You may not store or keep any firearm unless it is secured in a locked container or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical lock or other safety device.



The problem is, when seconds count, it takes too much time to get it out, unlock it, and load it to where you can actually use it.

“Safe storage laws require people to responsibly store their firearms and ammunition when they are not in use in order to prevent minors, thieves, and other unauthorized users from gaining access to deadly weapons. Whereas Child Access Prevention Laws allow law enforcement to hold adults accountable after the fact for irresponsibly storing firearms around children, safe storage laws prescribe affirmative safety requirements. These laws typically require that guns be stored in a locked container or gun safe or disabled with a gun lock when not in use. These laws are necessary to shape responsible storage practices, prevent firearm theft, and reduce firearm suicides, accidents, and homicides by children and unauthorized users.” *Giffords Law Center, 2018*

Most states already provide penalties for criminal reckless endangerment, under which an adult found grossly negligent in the storage of a firearm can be prosecuted for a felony offense.



Ammunition storage



- Some states and localities require that ammunition be stored totally separate from guns, and that guns be unloaded in storage. *(So much for using it in an emergency.)*
- How your ammo is stored determines its longevity: The 3 Rules of Ammo Storage are
 - Keep Ammo Dry
 - Keep Ammo Cool
 - Keep Ammo Fresh
- High heat can ruin your ammunition, with the breakdown point happening at about 150°F. Never leave it in the trunk of your car on a hot day for any period of time or the gunpowder will have deteriorated.
- Moisture is the biggest killer of gunpowder. Keep the ammo dry in a sealed can.



OTHER NOTES ON STORAGE AND HIDING OF AMMO & GUNS

- They have to be hidden in one of the last places anyone would look. That automatically excludes closets and bedrooms.
- If you have an extensive collection of firearms, Only a false wall and large floor standing safes will work.
- A chest freezer with frozen foods stacked on top, in the garage or storage area, is a possibility.
- An old water heater installed and made to look like it is in use, can be used if the top is removed and liner taken out.
- Behind books on a shelf, or dishes in a cupboard, or food in a pantry.
- **BE CREATIVE**, because thieves only look for the obvious places. It's the Professionals, like the FBI, that leave no stone unturned.