

CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Michigan Firearm Safe Storage Law | Family Information

Keeping students and families safe is a shared responsibility. Climax-Scotts Community Schools is sharing information and resources about Michigan's firearm secure storage requirements to help families understand the law and prevent unauthorized access to firearms.

What Michigan law requires

Under Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 28.429, when a firearm is left unattended where a minor (under age 18) is present or likely to be present, the firearm must be secured in a locked box or container designed for firearm storage, **or** unloaded and secured with a locking device such as a trigger or cable lock. The law took effect February 13, 2024.

These requirements also apply outside the home. If a firearm is left in a vehicle where a minor is or is likely to be present, the vehicle must be locked while unattended and the firearm must be secured as required by law.

Important reminders

- Both loaded and unloaded firearms must be secured appropriately.
- Simply hiding a firearm or placing it out of reach is not secure storage.
- Keep keys and combinations inaccessible to minors.
- Families can ask about secure firearm storage when children visit other homes.

Official notices and family resources

State-approved Safe Storage Notice (required school distribution):

[Michigan Department of Education - Safe Storage Law and Required Notices](#)

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services:

[Secure Storage Law, safety resources and gun-lock information](#)

Free or low-cost firearm locking devices:

Project ChildSafe provides firearm safety kits through participating agencies. Contact local law enforcement or health departments to ask about availability. projectchildsafe.org

Questions or safety concerns

For concerns about an unsecured firearm, contact local law enforcement. For an emergency, call 911. Students may report school safety concerns through **OK2SAY** by texting **652729** or calling **855-565-2729**.

This district information sheet summarizes selected requirements and is not a substitute for the official state-approved notice or legal advice. Families should consult the Michigan Department of Education resources linked above for the full notice, FAQs, exceptions and translations.