PREVENTING *FIREARM SUICIDE*

tips for families and friends

GET HELP

If you're worried someone is considering suicide, just ask. It's ok to ask, and it won't cause an attempt.

Call 1-844-493-8255 (coloradocrisisservices.org) to find help. It's free and available 24/7.

And make sure the person doesn't have access to firearms. 90% of suicide attempts with a firearm end in death - so firearm access during a time of suicide risk can be fatal. Reducing access creates a safer situation for the person to get help and get better.

STORE AWAY FROM HOME

Firearms can be temporarily, voluntarily stored with a trusted individual. In Colorado, background checks are not required for transfers between immediate family members.

Storage at a range, firearm retailer, or law enforcement agency is another option. Check for options near you in Colorado, and always call ahead to learn more.
https://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org/gun-storage-map/

SECURE AT HOME

Firearms at home can be secured by using locking devices, removing ammunition, or disassembling. Make sure the person at risk of suicide doesn't have access to the lock key or PIN, or to firearm parts.

Learn more about options in a free, anonymous resource: https://lock2live.org/

EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER

This law allows family or household members or law enforcement ("petitioner") to request that an at-risk person ("respondent") not be allowed to have firearm access (either existing firearms or new purchases).

Requests must be filed in the county where the at-risk person lives. If granted by the court, temporary ERPOs are for two weeks and full ERPOs are for up to a year. More information and Colorado instructions are here:
https://www.coloradoceasefire.org/extreme-risk-protection-orders/
https://www.courts.state.co.us/Forms/Forms_List.cfm?Form_Type_ID=280
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