



## The National Shooting Sports Foundation Recommends that Before Choosing a Firearm for Home Security, Ask Yourself These Questions:

The choice to keep a firearm in your home for sporting purposes, a collection or self-protection is a serious responsibility. Gun owners must be committed to obtaining the appropriate training and having a clear understanding of safe handling and storage rules to achieve the intended personal safety benefits.

### **BEFORE CHOOSING A FIREARM FOR HOME SECURITY, ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS**

- Are my security concerns realistic and consistent with local crime rates?
- Do other adults in my household support maintaining a gun in the house?
- Will other adults with access to the firearm join me in a firearms training and safety program?
- What precautions will I practice to safeguard children?
- Do risk factors such as mental illness or drug and alcohol abuse exist within my household?

Your decision should also take into consideration issues such as individual temperament, reaction to emergency situations and specific family circumstances.

### **ACCESS TO FIREARMS KEPT FOR HOME SECURITY**

If you choose to keep a firearm for home security, your objective should be to create a situation in which the firearm is readily available to you, yet inaccessible or inoperative to others. Special lockable cases that can be quickly opened only by authorized individuals are options to consider.

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