



Dear MIPS Families,

As required by Michigan State Law, Michigan International Prep School (MIPS) is providing families with important information about safe firearm storage practices to help protect children in our community.

Michigan's Secure Storage Law

Michigan law requires the secure storage of firearms when minors may be present. This means:

- Firearms must be stored in locked containers or secured with locking devices that render them inoperable when children could have access.
- Ammunition should be stored separately in locked, tamper-proof containers.
- The law is designed to prevent accidental access by children and reduce the risk of firearm-related injuries or deaths.

Annual Notice Requirement

Beginning **October 1, 2025**, and each October thereafter, all Michigan schools are required by law (MCL 380.1313b) to distribute firearm safety storage information to families. This ensures all households with children receive current information about safe storage practices and their legal responsibilities.

Why Secure Storage Matters

Safe firearm storage helps prevent tragedies by reducing the risk of unintentional shootings, youth suicides, and firearm thefts. Families play an essential role in protecting children by modeling responsible firearm practices and by engaging in age-appropriate conversations about what to do if a child encounters an unsecured gun.

Recommended Safety Practices

- **Safely Store Firearms:** Always store firearms unloaded in a locked cabinet, safe, vault, or storage case.
- **Safely Store Ammunition:** Keep ammunition in a separate locked container.



- **Secure Firearms:** Use trigger locks or cable locks to prevent use when stored.
- **Talk with Children:** Discuss the dangers of firearms and what to do if they come across an unsecured gun.

Additional Resources

- **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS):** [Firearm Safety and Storage Requirements & Penalties](#)
- **University of Michigan Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention:** [Firearm Safety Resources](#)
- **Be SMART Program:** <https://besmartforkids.org>
- **Office of Justice Programs:** [Safe Storage Fact Sheet](#)

Questions or Concerns

- **Legal questions:** Please contact the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) or your legal counsel.
- **Immediate safety concerns:** If you become aware of unsafe firearm storage that poses a risk to children, contact local law enforcement right away.

Our Commitment

MIPS is committed to supporting community safety through education and awareness. While firearm ownership is a personal choice, we believe all families should have access to information that helps keep children safe.

All students and members of our school community deserve to feel safe, welcomed, and supported. By working together to promote safe firearm storage, we can help prevent harm and ensure our schools remain places where every child can thrive.