Michigan Safe Firearm Storage Requirements

Michigan law requires schools to provide families with information about the importance of safe firearm storage. This notification is part of a statewide effort to promote student safety and comply with MCL 28.435 (Public Act 17 of 2023).
Please review the resources provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS):

Safe Storage Resources for Families
These materials explain safe storage practices and provide guidance to help ensure firearms are secured properly, reducing the risk of accidental injury.
Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Ensuring the safety of our students and community is a shared responsibility.

To help protect Michigan's youth and prevent firearm-related unintentional injuries, Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 28.429, Section 9 of 1927 PA 372 requires firearm owners to securely store firearms wherever minors are present or likely to be present. This notice is designed to assist parents, guardians and gun owners to comply with the new secure storage requirements.

Safe Storage-Summary
If a firearm is left unattended where a minor (under 18) is or is likely to be present, it must be:
•Secured in a locked box or container, and/or
•Unloaded and secured with a locking device (like a trigger or cable lock) that would prevent anyone from using it.

This law applies whether firearms are in your own home or brought to another location.

Firearms in Vehicles If a firearm is in a vehicle, the vehicle must be locked when not in use, and the firearm must be secured and either locked in a container or disabled with a trigger or cable lock.

If a minor gains unlawful access to a firearm this can result in criminal charges and penalties up to 15 years in prison. For a detailed description of the law, visit: MCL - Section 28.429 - Michigan Legislature or MDHHS Firearm Prevention Resource Library.