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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

The Town of Waterford Police Department is giving out free gun locks to all who ask.

WHY: Instilling awareness about firearm safety and proper storage is the first step toward preventing firearm accidents, theft and misuse. This event will provide free gun locks to help Waterford residents responsibly store their firearms when not in use.

The locks are being given in conjunction with Project ChildSafe a Nationwide program. Residents are being urged to stop by the Waterford Police Department and pick up their free gun lock.

“S.A.F.E.” serves as an acronym for **Store** your firearms responsibly when not in use; **Always** practice firearm safety; **Focus** on your responsibilities as a firearm owner; and **Education** is key to preventing accidents. The effort is focused on providing resources to help gun owners take actions and share information that will help keep their families and communities safer.

Adults who own guns and have children in the house have a responsibility to protect those children by sensibly storing their guns. Guns need to be locked and out of reach of kids when they aren't in use. Adults need to also teach the kids in their lives about being safe around guns, that they are not toys, the Town of Waterford Police Department supports Project ChildSafe because it has a goal to help adults talk to their kids about guns and teach them safe handling practices.