

Cosponsor the Saving Our Veterans Lives Act and Include It in Any Veteran-Focused Legislative Package

(H.R. 1987/S. 926)

Facts



Nearly **three in four veteran suicides** (73.3%) involve firearms.¹



In 2024, nearly **47% of suicides among children and adolescents** involved firearms.²



Most individuals who lack easy access to lethal means **will not die by suicide; those who are prevented from attempting suicide with one method typically do not go on to attempt with another method.**



A majority of deaths by suicide involve firearms, and approximately 79% of firearm suicides among children involve a firearm stored in an unsecure manner in the home.^{3, 4}



Less than a third of firearm owners store firearms in a secure manner.

¹ Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. *2025 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report*. (2026.)

² Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2026.)

³ Ibid.

⁴ Barber, Catherine. Azrael, Deborah. Miller, Matthew. Hemenway, David. *Who Owned the Gun in Firearm Suicides of Men, Women, and Youth in Five U.S. States?* Preventative Medicine, 2022.

About the Bill

Secure firearm storage saves lives. The *Saving Our Veterans Lives Act* will direct the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide a secure firearm storage device to any eligible veteran upon request.

Specifically, the bill would:

- **Help eligible veterans access secure firearm storage devices**, protecting themselves and their family members
- Direct the VA to raise awareness about the **importance of secure storage** of firearms as a suicide prevention strategy
- Support existing efforts by the VA and others to **prevent firearm suicide** among veterans

Secure firearm storage gives time for suicidal crises to pass, protecting firearm owners and their families.



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Status

In the House, this legislation has been referred to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. In the Senate, it has been assigned to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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