

Free Firearm Gun Locks and Safety Kits

The Rochester Police Department will provide free firearm safety kits to residents of the City of Rochester through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program. The safety kits, which include a gunlock, are available on a first-come first-served basis at the Rochester Police Department located at 400 Sixth Street. There is a limited supply of gunlocks (700) that are available. Residents may obtain the kits by inquiring at the front desk of the Police Department at any time of the day or evening.

Project ChildSafe, a program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distribute millions of firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant, with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

“We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm,” said Chief Steve Schettenhelm. “Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The Locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles, and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized persons from accessing a firearm in your home.”

By partnering with Project ChildSafe, Rochester Police Department is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearm safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gunlock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.