Cable Lock Instructions

How to use your Cable Lock

1. **Unload your firearm**

If your firearm has a safety, engage it for added protection. Unload the firearm and take the magazine out if it has one. Double check that the chamber is empty.

2. **Unlock the cable lock**

Your cable lock will most likely come locked with the key inside the lock. Turn the key to disengage the cable from the lock.

3. **Thread the cable through the firearm so it can't be fired accidentally**

- **Pistol** - pull back the slide and engage the slide lock to keep the chamber open and slide the end of the cable through the ejection port down through the magazine well. Gently allow the slide to go forward.
- **Shotgun** or **Rifle** - thread the cable lock through the ejection port and out of the loading port or magazine well. Gently allow the bolt to go forward.
- **Revolver** - thread the cable through the barrel if possible or through 2 chambers in the cylinder instead.

4. **Connect the cable lock and lock it with the key**

Take the end of the cable lock that you pushed through your firearm and reconnect it to the locking mechanism. Insert the key into the lock mechanism and twist it to lock your firearm. Make sure that the cable lock is secure by tugging on the locking mechanism after you lock it.

5. **Store the key and ammunition separately from your firearm**

Store the key to your cable lock in a separate location away from your firearms and any ammunition. For added security, the TDOSHS recommends gun owners use the free cable gun lock in combination with other security measures including storing firearms in a locked gun case, safe or lock box and storing ammunition in a separate locked container.

6. **Unlock the cable lock to use the firearm**

Whenever you want to use the firearm, retrieve the key and twist it in the locking mechanism to unlock it. Then, pull th k out of the firearm. You can then load and fire your firearm.

Cable Locks in Use

