

GUNS and DEMENTIA: SAFETY FIRST

Dementia is a progressive brain disease that can cause changes in a person's ability to safely handle a firearm, including:

- Poor judgment leading to bad decisions
- Memory loss and confusion
- Difficulty understanding situations & surroundings
- Mood and personality changes
- Impulsive behavior
- Trouble recognizing familiar people

No matter how much experience a person has with firearms, cognitive impairment affects the ability to judge safe and unsafe situations.



To learn more about dementia & safety resources:

Safety Checklist:

If you have firearms and someone living with dementia in your home, consider:

- Do you know where all the guns are?
- Does the person living with dementia have access to them?
- Is it safe for the person with dementia to have access to the guns?
- Has there been conversation about gun safety since the dementia diagnosis?
- Do you know the options for securing or removing guns?



Alzheimer's San Diego can help. Through a generous donation from Poway Weapons & Gear, free gun locks are available to help families prevent injury and secure firearms in the home.

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