

# 5 THINGS TO BE SURE ABOUT BEFORE BUYING A GUN SAFE

Buying a safe takes the same care as buying a car: you want to be sure you are getting the right fit for your needs. So how do you start? In addition to the following 5 key considerations before buying a gun safe, remember that exceptional design, craftsmanship, materials, certifications, and trusted reputation are qualities you find only in top quality gun safes like those manufactured by American Security.

**1. What Your Gun Safe Protects:** Most large gun safes are designed for the storage of long barreled firearms such as hunting rifles and competition shotguns. But American Security gun safes can also be ideal for storing pistol collections, important documents, coin collections, cash, and jewelry. Once you've decided what you would like to store inside the gun safe, estimate the value of the contents. Some states have specific gun storage requirements or recommendations. To learn more about the laws in your area, [click here](#).

**2. Level of Security for Your Gun Safe:** You may be concerned with only the safety of your gun safe contents, or maybe you want to protect valuable documents as well as keeping others from accessing them. Depending on the value you place on these items, there's a [sliding scale for burglary protection](#) and we have safes that offer very high security to moderately low security.

**3. Fire Ratings for Your Gun Safe:** Understanding your fire risk is key to selecting the proper gun safe. If there isn't a fire station within a mile, you might want to consider a safe at the top end of the [fire protection spectrum](#). If you live or work in an urban area and fire isn't the biggest concern, you could probably be fine with a [30-minute fire safe](#).

**4. Location of Your Gun Safe:** Where you position your safe within your living or working space means allowing sufficient room for it while it's closed, as well as clearance to open the doors and easily access the contents when you need them. Our safes come in all shapes and sizes and you can choose a left or a right-hand swing door to accommodate your needs. Location may vary - you might consider the garage, under a desk, in a back office, a closet, or a safe room.

**5. Your Gun Safe Budget:** Knowing what you can afford will help you in your selection of a gun safe. Yes, gun safes are all metal security containers but they are not all created equal. Ask about any custom details you might want to add before you buy. Remember that a safe is an investment. Ensure that the safe you choose will provide you with what you need to keep your valuables secure.

[Contact us](#) for more information about a gun safe that's right for you.

