

Gun Buyback Frequently Asked Questions

Will you accept ammunition?

No, please contact your nearest police department for disposal.

What if I don't know how to check if my firearm is loaded?

Buybacks often include many who have inherited a firearm, but never used one before, or are not familiar with the type of firearm they inherited. If this is the case, do not check it without knowing how. Seek guidance from a friend or family member who knows how to safely check for you. Do not bring a firearm to a buyback that you have not been able to verify is unloaded.

Is it Anonymous?

Yes. No press or media is allowed at the buyback and photography is prohibited except for our designated photographer capturing the process of disabling each firearm as they are donated. This person has been instructed to not capture any identifying information including vehicles, faces, or license plates. No questions will be asked to obtain personal information like name and address.

An anonymous survey will be handed out to each participant, but is not required to complete. Please politely decline if you are uncomfortable filling it out.

What if I don't want gift cards?

We are still happy to disable your firearm for you. This is not uncommon.

Is this Legal?

Yes. The process used by RAWtools to disable each firearm as they are traded in has been approved at the federal level by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF); as well as the Colorado State Attorney General. When arriving, each vehicle will be accompanied by a volunteer to answer any questions participants may have. For safety reasons, each firearm will be checked for ammunition, serial number recorded, then disabled according to ATF guidelines. Once disabled, participants will receive their gift card.

How long does it take?

Each firearm can take between 2-5 minutes to disable. For instance, some older firearms have more steel to cut through. If you are dropping off more than one firearm, this can add to the time.

What else can I do to help prevent gun violence?

People donating firearms may still have some at home. If so, be a responsible gun owner. Keep your firearm safely stored and locked with ammunition safely stored and locked separate from the firearm.

We are also planning separate "sister" events later in the day at or near the same site of the buyback, at 3pm. Community voices who have been impacted by gun violence will share their story and how to help prevent gun violence. Other organizations will be present at the sister event as well to offer more resources. We are especially grateful to partner with Colorado Crime survivors Network for the sister events. These events are free to attend.

More questions? Contact us at info@RAWtools.org