

- Firearm storage law:** Michigan residents will now be required to keep any firearms stored or left unattended on a premises unloaded and locked, either with a locking device or in a locked container, if it is reasonably known that a minor is or is likely to be present on the premises. If a minor obtains a firearm because it was not stored properly, the owner could face up to 93 days in jail. If a minor obtains a firearm and hurts someone with it, the owner could be charged with a felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison. If a minor uses the unsecured firearm to kill someone, the owner could be charged with a felony punishable by up to 15 years on prison. Fines for any such violation could range from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00. Gun locks are provided, free of charge, to Plymouth Township residents at the Plymouth Township Police Department. [Michigan Legislature - Senate Bill 0079 \(2023\)](#)
- Universal Background Checks:** Universal background checks now apply to all firearm purchases. A background check will be required for the purchase of both long guns and handguns. Previously, universal background checks were only required when purchasing a handgun in Michigan. [Michigan Legislature - House Bill 4138 \(2023\)](#)
- Domestic Violence Regulations:** A person convicted of a domestic violence related misdemeanor, in any state, shall be prohibited from possessing a firearm and/or ammunition in the State of Michigan for 8 years after all the following criteria are met:

  - The person has paid all fines imposed for the violation.
  - The person has served all terms of imprisonment imposed for the violation.
  - The person has successfully completed all conditions of probation imposed.

A person who possesses, uses, transports, sells, purchases, carries, ships, or distributes a firearm or ammunition during this 8-year period could be charged with a felony punishable by up to 5 years in prison and face up to a \$5,000.00 fine.

[Michigan Legislature - Senate Bill 0471 \(2023\)](#)

- Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag Law):** This law will allow family members, police, mental health professionals, roommates, and former dating partners to petition a judge to temporarily remove all firearms from people that they believe pose an imminent threat to themselves or others. The judge would have 24 hours to decide whether to issue a protection order once a request is filed. If an extreme risk protection order is granted, the judge would then need to schedule a hearing within 14 days. At this hearing, the flagged person would have the opportunity to show that they do not present a significant risk. If the judge decides to issue the extreme risk protection order, the standard length of time that it would be in effect would be one year. [Michigan Legislature - Senate Bill 0083 \(2023\)](#)