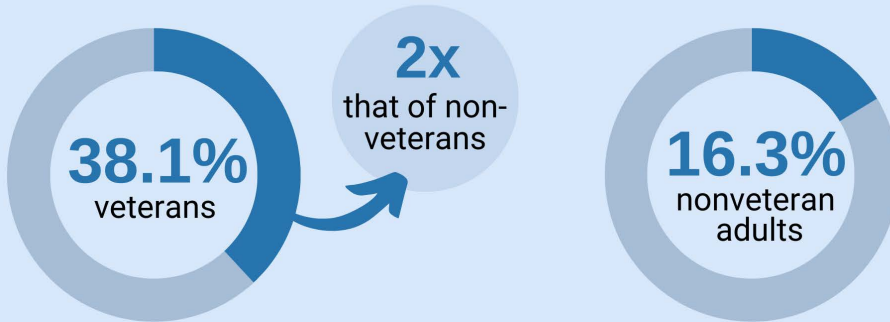


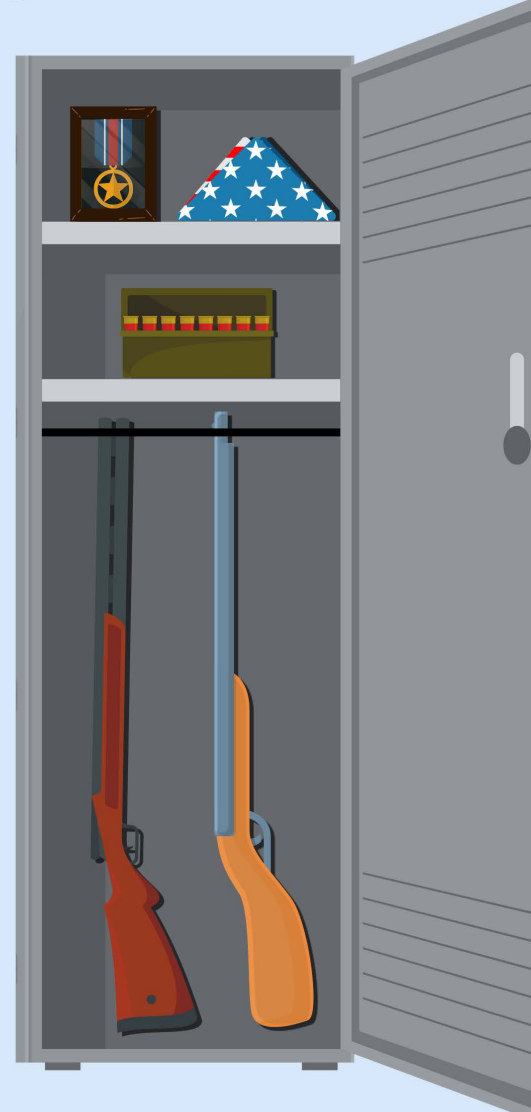
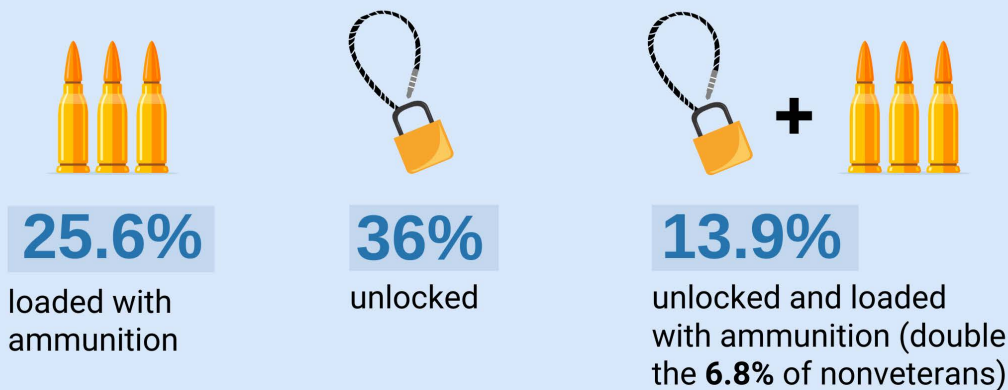
Storage of unsecured firearms at home puts California veterans at greater risk of injury

In 2020, 3 in 5 (61%) California veterans who died by suicide used a firearm, according to the California Department of Public Health. A UCLA Center for Health Policy Research study analyzes access to firearms, firearm storage practices, and mental health among veterans in the state.

Firearm stored at home, 2021



How veterans stored firearms at home, 2021



Mental health status among veterans who had firearms at home, 2021



1 in 4

received care for mental health needs at an **emergency department** in past year

1 in 10

received care from clinician or other professional for **emotional, mental health, alcohol, or drug problem** in past year

1 in 7

said they had ever seriously **thought about suicide**

1 in 5

who reported any lifetime suicide ideation **had a firearm at home that was loaded and unlocked**

Note: Guns stored by participants did not include BB guns, starter pistols, or guns that could not be fired.

Source: 2021 California Health Interview Survey

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