

BULLION STORAGE *REVISITED!*

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Our heartfelt thoughts, wishes and prayers go out to the countless victims, families, friends, and pets injured or lost in the continuing tragedies of 2017... Hurricane Harvey and its massive Texas flooding devastation, Hurricane Irma and its direct assault on Cuba and Florida, Hurricane Maria's pummeling of Puerto Rico, Northern California numerous firestorms leaving an incomprehensible path of death and destruction, and the despicable Las Vegas concert attack at Mandalay Bay... **only** to name a few, all now somehow settling in as reality.

These events make us again realize not only how lucky we are to have been spared from life's tragic events, but also how grateful we are to still have what we have, family, friends, and our stash. On that note, Where and To Whom have we entrusted in storing our bullion, protecting the wealth that we have worked so hard to build for our families and our future? We released the article "[Bullion Storage – Your Best Kept Secret](#)" on February 20, 2016 and we believe it still holds current, perhaps with the following updated ideas and suggestions...

LOOTERS – Sadly, at the top of the news among the vast flooding and firestorms were the numerous stories on looters – These dregs of society have no regard for morality, seen sifting through destroyed homes and businesses, blatantly stealing anything of value before owners could have safe access back to their properties. Have you thought about how your stash would be better protected to survive a hurricane, firestorm, or tornado -- not only the acts of God, but also the looting?

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFECT ON METALS – Chances are, in a firestorm like Northern California's, any bullion or numismatic collection stored unprotected or vulnerable to such extreme heat exposure would likely be melted, and recovery would only be base metal at best. And we witnessed how hurricanes and flooding literally washed away homes and belongings. Where would your stash be now if that were your home? Still intact? Down the street? Or Gone forever? If your stash was stored underground, would it have been safe from the elements?

DIVERSIFY LOCATIONS – The sole point of storage diversification is to lessen the potential loss by spreading the risk IF a scenario like one of the above tragedies occurred. Consider ideas like storing numismatic or rare items in sealed containers buried underground, and less valuable or generic items above ground in safe, unassuming and secure areas... when you see photos of fire ravaged residential areas, note that the home fireplace is almost always standing... quite an endorsement for brick and mortar.

ENTRUSTING SOMEONE – As much as we try to avoid things like wills and trusts, the fact is that we won't be around forever in this world. And it's also very possible that some may check out sooner than anticipated. While your stash should be your best kept secret, **someone** you **trust** needs to know the whereabouts and estimated value of what you hold, and that someone needs to have a reasonable understanding of whether your stash is generic or rare, or a combination of both, along with an intelligent game plan on exit strategy. And they will need to keep quiet as well. We hope that the rarity classifications and sales history provided on our Definitive Pages can help out in such a situation.

So please review "[Bullion Storage – Your Best Kept Secret](#)" with the above in mind, and think about how you would fare in the event of a sudden catastrophic event. Please be safe and proactive going forward. Our world is changing by the day, and we will all have to diligently work harder and smarter to protect what we have.

Responsibly,
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You're probably thinking, "Huh? What do these photos have to do with bullion storage?" Precisely!!! If you are reading this article, you are likely a collector and investor in physical bullion, and you likely hold your metals in your own possession. And, regardless of the size of your stack or the depth of your collection, you are very proud of your stash. And **stash** is exactly what it should be, something stored safely and secretly in a specific place. But your stash is something you should never talk about with co-workers, or over a card game with friends, or at a family picnic. Sometimes it's hard to resist bragging a little when you've got something you're really proud of, but even your most trusted friends and family members can innocently slip confidential information to the wrong people, and before you know it, something goes missing. We've heard so many stories of kids and their friends coming across an indiscreet stash while their parents are out of town, and excitedly cashing in those legacy 3oz ingots at a local pawn or coin shop for less than spot price before their parents found out. And even more stories about things disappearing after the cleaning lady or cable guy have left. As the subtitle above understates so clearly, storing your bullion should be YOUR BEST KEPT SECRET, period.

So, with that said, you need to think like a thief. Typical home targets are master bedroom drawers and cabinets, wall safes in closets or behind paintings in the office or den, etc. Remember that thieves generally don't have a lot of time, so they target the obvious places. So think about storing your items in less conspicuous places where nobody would ever think twice about looking, maybe in a garage cabinet inside everyday utility containers like cat litter buckets, paint cans, garbage cans, protein shake tubs, you get the idea. Do not store them in a jewelry box or tool case, or anything that would otherwise be stolen in its own right. And what about that safe?! Well, would it be a safe bet to assume that there would be something very valuable in that safe? And if a thief comes across your safe and they cannot open it or lug it away, they may just hide out and wait for you to come home and then hold you at gunpoint while you open it for them. How SAFE is that?



And what about a Safe Deposit Box?! We've heard so many stories about people going to their bank to check their safe deposit boxes and they find them EMPTY. Banks won't insure what you store in their boxes, so again, how safe is that? And really, how much can you store in a safe deposit box anyway? Consider the above photos as ideas that really could be safe-keeping for your stash.

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