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*CHAPTER 1*

# WHY

YOU NEED TO  
HIDE YOUR GOLD



## Chapter 1: Why You Need To Hide Your Gold

If you catch on to the idea that precious metal investing is the best way to protect yourself against the ravages of economic uncertainty, you may fall into the trap of treating gold like any other valuable. Precious metals, especially gold, are absolutely unique and require special care unlike any other valuable you've ever had. There are more threats to gold than you might initially imagine, and these threats don't always come from directions that you would expect. In fact, your gold might not be safe even if you have it stored in a safe, hidden it from view, kept it securely locked, and even hidden the key.

There was a time when these precautions would have been more than enough for most people. For a little while in our recent past, gold did not require quite so much vigilance. It was still a valuable, and it was always "real money" in ways that paper fiat currency could never hope to match. Then, people's perception of gold was very different. It was considered an anachronism or a curiosity, since the idea of gold as money had not really become a mainstream idea. Most people even mistakenly considered gold to be a bad investment. The government stopped paying much attention to gold once it became legal to own again, and at that time, normal precautions might have sufficed.

Today, gold hovers between \$1,400 and \$1,900 per ounce. Major media outlets have run advertisements and segments explaining the value of gold. Shaky currencies all over the world have prompted people to ask more questions about the ways that they can protect themselves. In short, people are starting to equate gold with money again, where before it

had been seen as a barbarous relic, a pretty bauble, a mere hunk of metal, an unexciting commodity, or even just an investment.<sup>1</sup> However, the difference is clear. When the typical burglar kicks down the door, he rarely goes after your investments. Thieves don't generally steal stock certificates — they go for your cash, first and foremost. As more and more people start to remember that gold is cash, they will start to react accordingly, and this valuable asset will be more difficult to protect than ever before.

Your protection strategy should be thinking about four distinct types of dangers: theft, confiscation, loss by taxation, and natural disaster. Strategies that do not take all four problems into account are 100 percent inadequate, and will eventually result in painful losses. Given that gold could be the only asset that protects you in the event of a total meltdown





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of the global financial system, it pays to create a full-scale battle plan to address each one of these issues.

### General Safety Practices

When you start buying gold, you should start following some immediate safety practices. These safety practices will do a lot to ensure that your gold is safe, even before you start using the protection plan methods that are included in this report. If you do not follow these safety practices, you may lose your gold in spite of your best efforts.

#### 1. Keep your mouth shut!

Two people should know two key facts about your gold: the fact that you have it at all, and where it is hidden.

One of those people should, of course, be you. The other should be a trusted spouse or a trusted *adult* heir who can find the gold, and benefit from it, should you pass away. You could also choose a single executor to hold the secret, someone who can make sure that your children receive the gold if anything happens to you. Choose someone who will absolutely guard your secret with his or her life, who absolutely will not tell anybody anything at all.

*Your life could depend on it.*





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This isn't an exaggeration, because news spreads. If you are hiding gold, you are hiding a treasure chest, an irresistible combination of real cash and something with legendary mystique. Fail to follow this rule and the news will spread to the wrong ears. If you are lucky, you'll merely suffer a break-in. The thief will simply toss your home, trying to turn up every last glimmer of precious metal. If you're very unlucky, the news will reach a true villain, someone who will arrive to have a chat with you and your family at gunpoint. You may have a gun of your own and you may be prepared to defend yourself, but situations like that go out of control fast. Stray bullets fly, people get hurt, legal complications arise, even if you're defending your own home and family. If you are overcome by a dedicated, professional, and intelligent team, then lives can be shattered forever, before you ever fire the first shot.

Resist the urge to brag about your gold on internet forums, even under anonymous identities. You'd be surprised how easy it is for a dedicated individual to trace a pseudonym back to its source. Don't tell everyone at work all about how smart you are. Don't casually mention it to your maid. Don't tell your children a thing, because children talk. Remember the old World War II mantra. Loose lips sink ships.

This is perhaps *the most important safety rule*.

### 2. Deal with reputable dealers.

Some people pay a lot more attention to *selling* to a reputable dealer than to *buying* from a reputable dealer. There are several reasons for this. One, some people are still unloading their gold for quick fiat cash, either out of desperation or because they still hold inaccurate perceptions of the value and the price is so high.

Buying brings dangers, however. For example, you may face grossly inflated prices. Unscrupulous gold dealers have been known to mark up their gold by 30 percent to 70 percent over the spot price. One company has even quietly admitted to a 100 percent markup.<sup>2</sup> Deal with the wrong dealer and you are essentially losing half your gold, since you could buy twice as much by dealing with someone with ethics.

Good dealers also help you explore the best possible options, whereas bad dealers try to snow you, or play on your fears. Many telemarketing firms involved with gold use this particular tactic, "Should the callers be astute enough to ask about the American Eagle gold coins, the world's best-selling gold coin, or the South African Krugerrands, the world's best-known gold coins, both of which carry very low premiums over the value of their gold content, the telemarketers

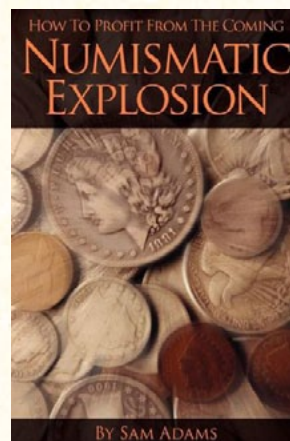


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unload their big guns and start talking about gold confiscation".<sup>3</sup> As it happens, confiscation *can* be a concern, but that doesn't mean that it's a good idea to buy an inflated "collector's" coin to cover the problem.

We cover the *real* deal behind "collector's coins," confiscation, and why it matters in the book [How to Profit from the Coming Numismatics Explosion](#).

Eagles and Krugerrands both are perfectly good investments, though they should only be one part of a diversified strategy. There are reasons why you might want to buy certain kinds of coins with numismatic value as part of an overall protection strategy, but many of the coins sold by these telemarketers are downright worthless from a numismatic perspective and from a legal perspective, resulting only in a large, unnecessary mark-up. Rest assured that a colored stamp of a panda bear or a cartoon character does absolutely nothing to raise the "collector's value" of a given gold coin. Most of the time, these companies are just selling you excuses for their ridiculous mark-ups. Indeed, some of the best confiscation-hedge numismatics aren't worth much more than the melt value, but can still be claimed under important legal loopholes. Be sure to check [How to Profit from the Coming Numismatics Explosion](#) so that you understand exactly which coins defend you from confiscation and how to value them properly.



Then there are gold dealers located in the lonely areas of town, fly-by-night operations run by seedy individuals who may operate both online and offline. Either way, you may be giving them a fair amount of information by doing business with them. By the nature of the beast, a third person knows your secret when you buy gold: the dealer. A truly unscrupulous dealer won't balk at selling information about you to thieves. Even a captured license plate number could be enough to point thieves in the right direction, putting you in danger, even if you kept your mouth shut.

### 3. Be Careful About Online Purchases

There are, certainly, many reputable online dealers who truly deserve your business, but you need to consider the pitfalls of online transactions. You might consider doing some of your purchasing online and some of it in person. There are both advantages and disadvantages to buying gold this way.

First of all, online transactions leave electronic trails in a way that a cash purchase at a coin dealership simply will not.



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That gives the government a record of your activities. It also gives any determined hacker a record of your activities. If that hacker then wants to use the information to go on a crime spree, he will have everything he needs. Obviously, gold dealers work hard to keep your information safe, but many companies and institutions have seen security breaches over the years, and cyber warfare is only getting hotter.

On the other hand, you get to enjoy another kind of privacy, since internet-order coins come through private, insured, and secured UPS deliveries directly to your home, safe from local prying eyes. This will help you get some gold right under the radar, and it is also highly convenient to purchase gold this way.

### 4. Stay Alert, You May Be Followed

Most thieves do not engage in “impulse” heists; many of them plan their work very carefully, with a great deal of craftiness and intensity. Many of them stake out gold dealerships for the express purpose of noticing who might be purchasing gold. When you buy gold in person, you should be very vigilant. When these thieves see a likely mark, they often follow them home to get an address, and then proceed to plan the theft.

If you think you are being followed, pull into a public place and call the police. Don't take chances.





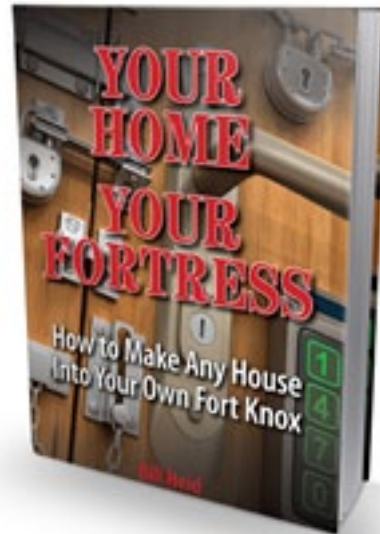
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### 5. Turn Your Home into a Fortress

For better or worse, you are turning your home into a treasure chest when you start buying gold. Either you're going to have the gold on site, or you're going to have a wealth of information about what you have *done* with your gold. It is vital that you transform your home from treasure chest to fortress—a suburban Fort Knox.

Fortunately, this isn't as challenging as it might sound. In fact, we've released a comprehensive manual on the subject called [\*Your Home, Your Fortress\*](#). This manual will be invaluable in helping you keep your home and family safe against all manner of threats, especially when it comes to defending your gold.

For the time being, get a good *monitored* security system. It has now become a necessity, and not a luxury!



### 6. Choose the Right Insurance Policy

Insurance will give you a resource to rebuild your collection, should anything go wrong. Do not make the mistake of believing that your existing homeowner's insurance policy is enough to cover your gold. Usually homeowner's policies cover these types of valuables up to \$1,000, meaning you can't even cover an ounce of gold.

Adding a specific homeowner's insurance rider can extend these limits just a little bit more, but it usually makes more sense to purchase a specific coin collector's insurance policy. The Hugh Wood agency is endorsed by the American Numismatics Association, and members enjoy discounts. Cleland and Associates also offers specific insurance policies for gold and silver coins.

If you keep some of your gold in a safe deposit box or a high security storage unit you can expect to gain some insurance through these avenues as well, though the coverage can vary.

### 7. Avoid Gold that Isn't Gold

There are many investment "products" out there that are *based* on gold, but do not give you any capability of taking physical possession or claiming ownership of any physical gold. While



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you can feel free to include them in an overall investment strategy, you should do so in the full awareness that these products are *not* gold. They are not used for the same purpose, and they do not provide the same level of protection that real physical gold provides.

These products include Gold EFTs, which are a type of stock product, gold and silver mining stocks, precious metal CDs, gold index annuities, and Perth Mint Certificates. If you are a beginner to the world of gold, you should simply steer clear of these financial products. If you feel more confident about your expertise and your ability to store enough physical gold to meet your needs, and simply want to explore new avenues of wealth building with an awareness of the associated risks, then you could pick up some of these products as a side project. Some of these investment products provide good vehicles for wealth building, but some of them are downright dismal. They are each covered in much greater detail in one of our gold buyer's guides: [How to Profit from the Coming Numismatics Explosion](#).




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# *CHAPTER 2*

# HIDING YOUR GOLD IN YOUR HOME



## Chapter 2: Hiding Your Gold In Your Home

Taking physical possession of your gold and silver is smart. After all, many gold “investment vehicles,” like EFTs, don’t give you possession of any real gold. Keeping your gold in your house also lets you get to it quickly in an emergency. On the other hand, your home can offer some significant security risks.

Assuming you’ve followed our advice about keeping your gold as much of a secret as possible, you can solve these security problems by purchasing the right safe, and by hiding that safe. You can mitigate the risks a little more with multiple safes and hiding places, since multiple hiding places creates a chance for a would-be thief to miss many of your stashes.

The ideal safe for the bulk of your gold would be a floor safe set into concrete. Barring that, you’re going to want a safe that you can bolt to the floor, since many burglars will simply walk in, take the safe, and work on it at home at their leisure. No burglar sits in a home trying to crack the safe since they risk getting caught. You can insert a series of smaller safes into your hiding places. Avoid cheap “diversion safes,” since most of them are cheap and reasonably obvious, and many of them don’t offer any burglary protection other than the potential of fooling the burglar. A small security safe bolted to the floor inside of a vent, one slipped into a hole cut into the bottom of your couch, and one behind a hidden wall would provide just as many diversions, most of them less obvious. After all, the burglars can Google safe companies too, and some know enough to check candles, shaving cream, wall clocks and Coke cans.



*The old  
“shaving cream  
safe” isn’t as helpful  
as you might think.*

If you want a wealth of information about creating hiding places for your valuables, try [Hide Your Guns](#). While [Hide Your Guns](#) is certainly centered on firearms, the principles work for gold, as well. You’ll learn how to buy furniture with pre-made hiding places. You’ll also learn how to alter your existing furniture, books, walls, and floors to create a variety of hiding places. [Your Home Your Fortress](#) will teach you to create secret rooms which could also be used to store a few of your gold safes.

Each safe should have good, thick, steel walls. The ideal thickness would be 3/16” or more. Be aware that some safes have thinner sidewalls and thicker doors. Unless you can make the thinner walls inaccessible, you want something that is going to have adequately thick walls on every single side.



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Next, avoid key locks at all costs, as they're easy to defeat by stealing the key or simply picking the lock. You want a traditional combination lock. Not an electronic lock, since those are battery operated. You could end up making your own gold inaccessible if an electronic lock malfunctions. This is one case where traditional is best.

You can get fire and burglary proof safes, and some fire protection is a good idea. However, you need to take the ratings with a grain of salt. Each lab tests for fire a little bit differently, and of course, lab-tested fires are happening under ideal conditions anyway. The main dangers here are that you'll pay too much and over-rely upon the protection. The same goes for waterproof safes. In general, the safe can protect against a certain level of heat and do so for a certain amount of time, after which all bets are off. For example, a Class A safe will give you protection against a 2,000°F fire, with a protection level ranging from one to four hours.

Of course, gold that's been melted down is still valuable, but you'd certainly lose the numismatic value of any coins you choose to buy. The very best safes are UL 125 safes. A UL 125 safe is intended for computer supplies, but they keep internal temperatures at 125°F even during 4,000°F fires. Since average fires can reach 3,100°F easily, this offers more than adequate protection. The FireKing "Fire with Impact Rated-Data Safe," for example, offers good burglary protection as well as good fire protection. They range in size from 6 cubic feet to 1.5 cubic feet, offering you multiple options for hiding places and storage space.



*CHAPTER 3*  
**HIDING YOUR  
GOLD IN A  
STORAGE  
FACILITY**





### Chapter 3: Hiding Your Gold In A Storage Facility

Storage facilities can provide an excellent way to hide some of your gold off-site. Now, when you're looking for a storage facility, you are not looking for your local U-Haul. You're looking for a private, secure storage facility that's going to offer adequate security. You might even want to look for a private, secure storage facility that will take customers on a no-name basis, and that ask no questions about what is stored in each vault. Finding a storage facility that meets all of these needs may take some digging, but it will certainly be worth the effort.

Private, secure storage facilities can be superior to banks. They aren't regulated and controlled the way that the banks of the world are. Your gold stays independent of the global financial system, out from under the government's eye, and safe from those who could accidentally stumble across your home stash, like nosy babysitters or repairmen.<sup>4</sup>

*Casey Research*, a magazine that devotes itself to wealth security, recommends two storage facilities: the Sarasota Vault Depository in Sarasota, FL, and 24-7 Private Vaults in Las Vegas, Nevada.<sup>5</sup> The Sarasota Vault Depository offers 24-7 video surveillance and on-site guards. The facility was built to withstand hurricanes, fire, and flood. It's environmentally controlled, providing an extra level of protection for numismatics. Sarasota allows anonymous accounts. 24-7 Private Vaults offers iris scanner security devices and 24-7, live surveillance.

If you need something closer to home, it might take some research on your part, and you might need to look outside of your own city. This is definitely a specialty service. You'll probably want to check nearby cities with a high median income. You can find them in New York, since it's a major trading center. You can also find international private secure vaults, which is covered in a later chapter.

There's a famous story of a man who bought a private secure storage facility at auction. There are auctions where these vaults and their contents are sold off after their owners have failed to pay their rental bill. People buy them in the hopes of finding valuables inside. This gentleman more than hit the jackpot. He paid \$1,000 for a storage facility that contained \$500,000 worth of gold, all locked up in a Tupperware container. The moral of this story is, pay your rental bill if you're going to go through all of the trouble of finding a private, secure storage facility! Also, make sure you have an executor designated to pay the bill while inheritance issues are getting worked out after you die. If you can afford to buy so much gold that you need a private, secure storage facility, you should be able to pay the bill, and that would be a fairly ridiculous way to lose your investment.

Sometimes, you are able to purchase gold and storage at the same time. You simply buy directly from a gold warehousing service like Bullion Vault. Essentially, you're buying a portion of



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gold that's already stored. The service itself owns the gold until they sell it to you, and they're happy to buy it back from you at any time. This does provide some unique advantages. For example, you can buy less than one ounce of gold. You could even buy a gram. Or you could buy large size gold bars. You're offered a lot of flexibility, giving you the power to invest whatever you've got to invest, whether that's \$200 or \$20,000. You can typically have your bars withdrawn and sent to you with a phone call, though this can have a high impact on their liquidity later. You could also sell your gold over the phone and get money wired to you the next day if you needed it. The gold is often stored in high-security vaults in Zurich, making it some of the most secure gold in the world. You can expect to pay a small premium for the service, usually 0.1 percent of the amount of the gold that you have stored.<sup>6</sup> Making security and insurance someone else's problem is not the worst thing in the world.

Buyers using this option can usually choose between two types of accounts. Segregated accounts allow you to keep your gold separate from everybody else's gold. It's put into a numbered vault and it doesn't share space with anyone else. You also have the option of a pooled account. This allows you to pay fewer fees – sometimes no fees – and even allows you to purchase fractions of bars. However, a pooled account doesn't always correspond to any actual stored gold. Sometimes, the dealer is actually taking your money and investing it elsewhere. They do this as a gamble, hoping they make a higher return on their outside investment than the value of the gold would provide. Their profit or loss happens when you either ask for physical delivery of the gold or cash out. If their model works, they get to keep the difference between their return on investment and the value of the gold when you liquidate it. This doesn't really hurt you for the most part, but it does mean that a pooled account represents a “paper promise.” Paper promises are weak shields, especially against the kinds of scenarios that prompt people to start investing in gold in the first place.



*CHAPTER 4*  
**HIDE YOUR GOLD  
IN AN  
UNDERGROUND  
CACHE**





## Chapter 4: Hide Your Gold In An Underground Cache

Hiding your gold in an underground cache is a very secure way to handle the problem of protecting your gold, so long as you follow some basic precautions. Usually, it's best to hide the gold somewhere on your own property so you can get to it quickly and so you can keep an eye on it. However, there are a variety of caching techniques that could allow you to hide your gold all over town, if you were so inclined. Urban caches, rural caches, and hides are all covered in great detail in [\*Hide Your Guns\*](#).

When you cache your gold, you are your greatest enemy, since it is entirely possible to actively forget where you put your gold. There are plenty of tales about gold buyers who tried to leave cached gold to the family. The family would be swimming in a fortune—if they only could find where grandfather hid his stash! Treasure maps can be lost, stolen, or misinterpreted. You could get around this by using GPS coordinates that are only listed in your will, or are kept in a safe deposit box. It also doesn't hurt to simply pick a location on your property that you'll be sure to remember but which wouldn't be obvious to anyone who suspects that you've cached gold on your property.

Most people do their caching at night, or on some ruse or pretense. After all, making it clear that you're caching is as good as screaming that you're hiding something of real value. Caching demands a lot of digging and it can attract serious attention if you're not careful. After all, you have to get below four feet to defeat conventional metal detectors. Urban dwellers without much yard might not want to resort to this method, as it can be a much harder secret to keep when you are surrounded by people on all sides, and remote "hides" outside of the home might not be very secure.

You can easily convert PVC pipes into moisture-safe cache tubes. You can also simply use five-gallon buckets with the top sealed in place. Be sure to wrap your gold coins and bars in some sort of plastic to protect it from moisture (but not PVC, if your coins are numismatic, as this will ruin the coins). You might want to





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add silica gel packs to absorb any added moisture in the tube. This keeps your coins from getting discolored and ensures they won't lose any numismatic value. Since nearly any coin could potentially acquire numismatic value (that value is determined by collectors, who decide what they are and are not interested in) it's probably best to protect them as if they could go up in value.

You can defeat metal detectors further by burying scrap metal around the gold, though this depends on how much time you have, and how inconspicuously you can get the job done. Again, if your neighbors see you burying a bunch of scrap metal in your yard they're certainly going to ask why. One or two of them might have the know-how to hit on the right answer, and then your secret is compromised.

This method does limit the accessibility of your gold. After all, you can't keep digging it back up over and over again since that will draw attention and defeat the purpose of the exercise. It is best for gold that you know you're not going to have to touch for a long time. On the other hand, underground gold, hidden well, is about as safe as it gets from thieves, confiscation, fire, and destruction. Your house could fall down and your gold would still be safe. And if your house *did* fall down, you'd have a handy "starting over" fund somewhere under your favorite tree.



*CHAPTER 5*  
**HIDING YOUR  
GOLD AT THE  
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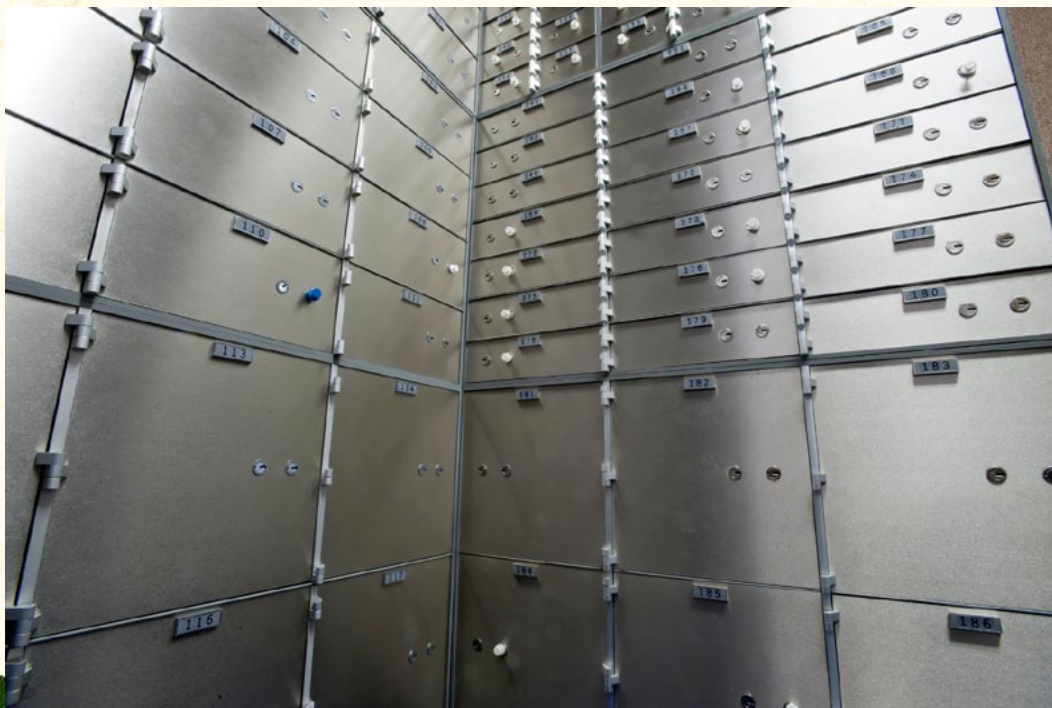




## Chapter 5: Hiding Your Gold At The Bank

A safe deposit box at your local bank provides you with a mostly secure, inexpensive place to keep your gold. There are very few instances where you'll have to deal with thieves after placing your gold in a safe deposit box, and the box is certainly an easy alternative. Unfortunately, the benefits of safe deposit boxes end there, so if you plan to use this method you should plan on depositing a very small portion of your overall stash, enough, perhaps, to give you a boost in an emergency where every other method has failed entirely.

However, most of what you need to know about safe deposit boxes involves either knowing the drawbacks or taking a few small partial steps to defend yourself against said drawbacks. First, a safe deposit box restricts your access to your gold. It is available to you only when the bank is open, 9-5 on weekdays. If your bank goes bankrupt, you could lose access to your safe deposit box indefinitely. On paper, the FDIC sorts this out and reunites you with your belongings...eventually. Putting your faith in a government backed insurance company isn't a very good way to hedge against a shaky fiat economy. Typically, the system does work, but the system has never been in quite so much trouble before. The FDIC is actually just about as bankrupt as the banks that it supposedly protects, and is backed by a government that is equally bankrupt and which has been known to seize gold before.



*"Safe deposit boxes provide a generous clue for the government, in case it ever decides to repeat FDR's 1933 confiscation of gold."*



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A safe deposit box also exposes your gold to other people. It's safe from every hoodlum on the street, but it's not safe from inside jobs by bank employees. Items have gone missing from safe deposit boxes before, and your gold coins would make a tempting target. Again, this is a rare occurrence, but that doesn't negate the presence of the risk. At the end of the day, you are essentially giving the bank control of one of your most precious assets.

Safe deposit boxes also expose you to the government like no other gold storage vehicle. Banks are heavily regulated by governments, in every nation of the world. World leaders are in bed with the bankers, and the two form an incredibly toxic combination that has proven, again and again, that they are more than willing to steal from the public. They are limited only in their inventiveness and their ability to pass and propagandize laws that make their actions sound reasonable to a half-awake public.

*Casey Research* notes: "...[safe deposit boxes] provide a generous clue for the government, in case it ever decides to repeat FDR's 1933 confiscation of gold."<sup>7</sup> In truth, the government doesn't need anything so dramatic to make your life hard. The IRS can freeze access to your safe deposit box, meaning the bank won't let you near it until you've resolved the problem with the Internal Revenue Service. There's also a rumor going around about safe deposit boxes and Homeland Security. While Homeland Security can't do anything about your safe deposit box right now, the possibility is certainly there. Homeland Security certainly has the power to freeze all of your other bank accounts without warning or warrant. We live under a government that has authorized drone attacks, indefinite detention, and torture for its own citizens. The only reason Homeland Security can't touch your box is because it hasn't occurred to them yet. Give it time. There's also your vulnerability to lawsuits. If you get sued, a judge would be hard pressed to seize the secret stash of gold that's in your backyard. Your safe deposit box *can* be seized, however, and given to the person you owe. Many lawsuits are quite frivolous and they can happen to anyone. Homeowners are targets for many different types of damages suits. Sometimes, robbers have even successfully sued their targets! There's no good reason to put your gold in a place where someone could rob you through the legal system once they've failed to rob you the old fashioned way.

Some states also seal your box upon your death, which means that your heirs would lose your gold entirely. You will want to check your state's laws before going anywhere near a safe deposit box for any reason.

The government is not really keeping tabs on every single safe deposit box that's created. The banks may keep records, but they aren't the ones giving out the information. Typically, the safe deposit box owner lets that secret slip himself by claiming it on his tax



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return. The government provides some small incentive for this bit of self-snitching. The tax break isn't worth it, since you'll be drawing unwanted attention to your safe deposit box, either for IRS seals or for future gold confiscation orders.<sup>8</sup> It's the kind of mistake that one could make without really thinking about it, if they weren't fully educated on all of the issues inherent to safe deposit boxes.

You could, however, use safe deposit box storage as a decent decoy. If you own 10 ounces of gold, then putting a single ounce into safe deposit might convince any forces arrayed against you that they have their fingers on the pulse of everything that you have. After all, *most* people would just put their gold in a safe deposit box and forget about it. The modern mind doesn't think too much about the possibility of buried gold or secret hiding places in the home, which sounds like the stuff of legends. At that point, the safe deposit box isn't a bad gamble – you've diversified a little more. The odds are good that nothing will happen to that small portion of your stash, but if it does and it acts as a decoy for the other 90 percent of what you own, then it has done a good job.



*CHAPTER 6*  
**HIDE YOUR  
GOLD  
OVERSEAS**





## Chapter 6: Hide Your Gold Overseas

There are some specific advantages to putting your gold overseas, usually in an overseas private storage facility. While it wouldn't be the right choice for *all* of your gold, it could be the right choice for large portions of your gold that you don't feel comfortable attempting to hide around the house.

The three primary advantages of hiding your gold overseas are tax advantages, privacy advantages, and accessibility advantages in the event that you have to leave the country. There are also liquidity advantages overseas that you won't see in America thanks to some specific cultural differences that could truly work in your favor in the event of a widespread economic collapse.

### Tax and Privacy Advantages

You don't have to report precious metal stored overseas in a private vault, which means it is not a taxable asset. It is also inaccessible from an asset protection standpoint. If you don't have to report it, a court can't find it, which could keep it from getting sold off to pay the tab on a frivolous lawsuit.<sup>9</sup> Since private, secure vaults are anonymous overseas also, it could be the best way to create a well-kept, airtight gold secret from just about every pernicious eye that might be attempting to "cash in" on your foresight.

### Accessibility Advantages and Disadvantages

The biggest reason why anyone might shy away from putting gold overseas is the simple truth of accessibility. During a crisis, you might not be able to get anywhere near your gold, thus defeating the purpose. On the other hand, your response in some forms of crisis might well be to flee the country, in which case you'll have an upper hand that you might not have considered. Simply put, it is getting harder and harder to personally transfer wealth, including gold and silver wealth, out of the country. In some forms of crisis, you might lose the option of taking gold out of the country entirely. It doesn't hurt to have your assets in a safe place overseas, allowing you to travel to them, retrieve them, and then move on to whatever new home abroad you've chosen in order to weather out the storm.<sup>10</sup> Both of these issues are good reasons to avoid putting your eggs in one basket, since it takes assets out of your hands for staying, but gives you a place to run to if you find you really need to go. The world is unpredictable enough to make it desirable to prepare for both scenarios.

### Liquidity Advantages

Americans may be pretty slow to catch on to the value of gold, but other cultures, particularly Asian cultures, have been mindful of the value of gold for a long time. It makes sense that a more



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ancient culture would have held on to the knowledge of gold's true value and passed that knowledge on to their children. In places like China, Hong Kong, India and Singapore, almost every family owns at least a little gold or silver. According to *Wealth Wire*: "Having gold stored in a stronger economy with a gold-obsessed culture is not only safer but more sensible. It will be easier — and you'll have more opportunities — to sell and exchange gold for something of value in a place like Hong Kong or India. If you sell gold in the US you'd get the pathetically weak dollar...In Hong Kong you could trade for ANYTHING. There would be tons of options with goods, services, currencies, etc."<sup>11</sup>

This means that a collapsed world economy could ultimately turn these Asian countries into the most stable hideaways in the world, places where money converts to gold fairly quickly and where fiat currency is simply abandoned immediately. Compare this to a slower response in Argentina, where people still exchange gold or silver for the currency of the day to allow them to buy goods and services, dealing with the collector's markup and taking whatever cash they can get. This process chips away at their buying power, particularly if they don't use their cash fast enough given their volatile inflationary environment. It might swiftly become normal in Asian countries to hand over an American Eagle, Krugerrand, or 1908 Liberty Half Eagle in exchange for visa papers, housing, food, and clothing. Theoretically, you could live an almost normal life in such a place, eventually finding a way to exchange your talents or goods for gold, while people in America, Latin America, and the Eurozone find themselves struggling in some version of the pioneer west (with solar panels). While the pioneer spirit of homesteading certainly appeals to many people and is a big part of what we teach here at *Solutions From Science*, it is not for everyone. People with brown thumbs, a lack of innate talent for craftsmanship skills, a lack of stomach for guns, and a city dweller's survival skills might be better off sinking the majority of their preps into storing their gold in one of these places, aggressively learning the language and creating a more globalized bug-out plan. To each their own—either plan carries risks and advantages. Every family will have to make the decisions that are right for them.

### Where to Store Your Gold Overseas

Singapore and Hong Kong are some of the most commonly recommended "hot spots" for storing your gold overseas, with Singapore taking a clear first place. Singapore has the fastest growing GDP in the Eastern Hemisphere.

It is extremely business-friendly, and enjoys a rare combination of low regulation *and* low corruption, when most places typically have one or the other. Recently, Singapore has made themselves very friendly to gold investors by waiving the "Goods and Services"



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value added tax for gold, silver, and other precious metals. There is a private, secure storage facility adjacent to Changi Airport (the Changi Freeport Facility), and two close to the airport (Silver Bullion Singapore and Cisco Certis Secure).<sup>12</sup> That means you could buy your gold, tax free from Singapore, for less, store it there with a minimum amount of fuss, pay no American taxes on it, preserve your privacy and keep an overseas nest egg—not a bad deal.

Hong Kong is another strong option with some outstanding storage solutions, and stacks up well on the cultural advantage if you are specifically seeking a place where almost everyone owns a little gold, understands the value, and is willing to trade for it.<sup>13</sup> Hong Kong is also known for being quite expat friendly, containing a sizable population of British, American, and Canadian expats. Many other nations in the Asia-Pacific region are likely to be much more insular and difficult to navigate. Vietnam and Thailand ranked higher on the social-friendliness scale, but that's not likely to be your largest concern if you're going to integrate international gold storage and escape plans into your overall strategy.<sup>14</sup> Expatriation, of course, is its own bag of individual policies and procedures, and you should consult the appropriate immigration offices before attempting to integrate any international flight into your plans.



*Singapore: the surprising new home for your gold?*



*CHAPTER 7*  
**HIDE YOUR GOLD  
IN  
CYBERSPACE**





## Chapter 7: Hide Your Gold In Cyberspace

This chapter does not refer to complicated cyber security measures or hacking tricks, nor does it help you eliminate any electronic or paper trail you may have already created when buying or storing your gold. It refers to digital gold, a gold standard wave of the future.

Digital gold is an electronic gold standard for an electronic age, and could well become the future of money. In many ways, it works exactly like a regular checking account. You get a debit card and a checkbook, and you use it just like you use fiat money. That means you could walk into a store, see something you want, swipe your card, and walk out with it. The cashier is unlikely to even spot the difference between the account that you used and the account that everyone else in the store used that day.



That's because each time you spend your money, you're essentially selling some of your gold on the spot. When you make deposits, you aren't making a debit deposit; you are simply buying gold that is warehoused with the digital gold company.

The difference is in the gold. In your regular bank account, a balance of \$3,600 is backed only by the Federal Reserve's hot air and your trust that the system will continue to run smoothly. In a digital gold account, a balance of \$3,600 is backed by two ounces of real, solid gold that you could instantly order and have shipped to your house if you so desired.

The method dates back to the invention of banks and paper money. Ancient banks were gold warehouses; ancient paper money wasn't issued by the government at all, it was a claim receipt from a gold warehouse. It might simply say "1" and hold the warehouse owner's wax seal. That meant that the owner could come withdraw one unit of gold from the warehouse at any time. It often became more convenient for people to trade these gold receipts than to go physically withdraw their gold to make purchases, leading to the creation of more formalized paper currency. Today, people rarely even use paper. They use digital numbers on a day to day basis without letting paper trade hands at all, a fact which governments have used to their advantage. They don't even have to spend the money on paper and ink to inflate the money supply anymore, since they can simply succumb to the temptation to put some



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electronic zeros on the end of their account balances before indulging in a spending spree. Digital gold restores the balance by returning these numbers to their proper place, restoring them as a convenient shorthand for an amount of gold owned and available any time the owner wants to hold it in his hand.

There are a lot of fly-by-night options out there. The most reputable digital gold company is called Gold Money. You'll need \$500 and some verification paperwork to start, but you *can* open your account right over the Internet. The process goes a lot faster if you have access to a scanner or a fax machine.

The convenience and liquidity of digital gold is pretty hard to beat. For one thing, you escape fees. You escape the dealer problem, suffering neither from grossly inflated markdowns nor markups. You escape the security problem, as you only have to control access to your account just as you do for your normal bank accounts. In fact, if you wanted to, you could essentially shift all of your normal deposits into this kind of account and proceed to do business, which would assure that you are able to get in on the discipline of investing in gold and using gold even if you don't have a lot of cash to devote to buying bullion and numismatic coins. You'd essentially put yourself on the gold standard and encourage others to do the same, normalizing gold once more and helping to stabilize the shaky global economy. You *do* need to have a certain amount of risk tolerance to take this approach, however. Your purchasing power fluctuates with the price of gold, going down when gold goes down, and going up when the price of gold rises. Gold trends toward rising for the most part, with very few real dips, so that's not a bad gamble to take. However, it can mean having to do some extra work when trying to discern how much money (or purchasing power) that you actually have available to you on a given day, making budgeting and planning a little bit more of a challenge.

You also get quite a bit of mobility without having to resort to flying your gold out to Singapore. People use digital gold in every country of the world, and it is accepted in every country of the world. You aren't messing around with currency conversions or moneychangers, many of whom won't even exchange the American dollar anymore. You could literally spend your money anywhere in the world and do so in a familiar format.

Gold Money also works to protect your privacy by storing data in servers all over the world, and by storing *your* data where you are *not*. If you're in Indiana, they're storing your data in Singapore. If you're in New Zealand, they may store it in Indiana. This offers you an extra layer of data safety and security.<sup>15</sup>



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You might want to consult with a tax professional about any tax concerns before using digital gold, as IRS rules change on a regular basis. Capital gains could be a big concern depending upon the way the tax rules are written from year to year.

There are only two drawbacks. First, a solar flare or EMP event that wipes out the internet and the electrical grid will make it absolutely impossible for you to retrieve your gold. You will have lost it, just as you might have lost any gold stored in your home to a theft. Second, because you have no physical possession of your gold, digital gold stacks up much like a pooled gold account. It represents a paper promise, one that could ultimately be manipulated or broken in the event of a real crisis.



*CHAPTER 8*  
**HIDE YOUR GOLD  
IN A  
LEGAL  
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## Chapter 8: Hide Your Gold In A Legal Loophole

The laws and executive orders that once allowed FDR to confiscate the nation's gold in 1933 are still in effect today. While you'll technically be compensated during a government gold grab, you'll be compensated only with worthless fiat currency that will soon be deflated. The government will first set the rate at which it is willing to purchase the gold. The government will do this and not the free market, which is currently in control of the gold rate. Should history repeat itself, the government would instantly raise the rate as soon as the gold grab is complete, instantly deflating the dollar and robbing the American people of trillions of dollars in purchasing power, all with the stroke of a pen.

You can't just refuse to comply in the event of a government gold grab, either. Even in the 1930s, violators could be slapped with 10 years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both. At the rate of inflation, you could expect those fines to be much higher today.

If you want to protect yourself against confiscation, you'll need to position yourself firmly inside of a legal loophole that has existed since the days of the very first gold grab. This loophole is all thanks to FDR's Secretary of the Treasury, one William H. Woodin.

It so happened that Woodin was a numismatist – an avid collector of coins. He lobbied for exceptions to the gold confiscation rule, and he got them. Numismatic coins, coins with a collectible value above and beyond the melt value of the metal inside of them, can be legally kept during periods of confiscation. This precedent has been challenged once, in 1969, and it stood firm. It is unlikely to be overturned today.

Numismatics is full of its own intricacies, pitfalls, and terminologies that don't apply to gold bullion. Fail to master them and you could fail to protect yourself adequately while spending far too much money on coins that are essentially worthless. Remember that telemarketers in particular like to snow their victims with confiscation fears. If you want *real* protection from confiscation you *need* to read [How to Profit from the Coming Numismatic Explosion](#). The information in this guide won't just help you protect your wealth. It will actively help you *build* your wealth. It will also ensure that you buy the *right* coins to exploit this legal loophole. It will help guard you against paying too much for them, and it will teach you exactly how to protect the value of your investments so that your wealth grows. You absolutely cannot use this hiding strategy effectively without the knowledge contained in [How to Profit from the Coming Numismatic Explosion](#).



*CONCLUSION*  
**DIVERSIFY  
YOUR PERSONAL  
TREASURE  
CHEST**





## Conclusion: Diversify Your Personal Treasure Chest

No one gold protection strategy will provide perfect protection. Each method has its advantages and disadvantages. That's why it's extremely important to select a very diverse strategy that gives you some flexibility. After all, life gets unpredictable during true emergencies. Things go wrong. The best way to ensure that you will never be completely without resources is to make sure that you've covered all of your bases and left yourself as many options as possible.

One easy way to diversify is to choose four methods that fit your personal circumstances, preferences, concerns, and resources. Make sure that each of the four methods provides different advantages and protections. For example, one method might allow you to get to your gold quickly. Another method might keep your gold out of the hands of government busybodies. Another might secure your privacy. A good plan will provide you with some solid, "If A, then B" contingency plans. For example, "If the government takes what I have in my safe deposit box, I'll still have the gold that I've hidden in my back yard; if I have to flee the country and can't transport my gold I can still pick up a portion of my gold at my overseas storage facility before moving on to my final destination." For example, you might bury 25 percent of your gold in the back yard, hide 25 percent in your home, put 25 percent in a private storage facility overseas, and put 25 percent into a digital gold account. Or you might choose to purchase 90 percent numismatics and 10 percent bullion. Perhaps you'd then bury 30 percent in your back yard, put 30 percent in a local private storage facility, put 30 percent in a safe in your home, and put the 10 percent (the easily confiscated bullion) into a safe deposit box. What's your comfort zone? What do you anticipate your needs being?

It's impossible to prepare for *every* eventuality, problem, and threat. Diversification spreads risk, but it's rare to lose everything when you diversify. This is true for investments and it is true for hiding your gold. A one-size-fits-all solution may seem more convenient, but it doesn't really exist. Hiding your gold in just one place is worse than failing to hide your gold at all.



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