

# Safe Kids, Safe Storage

Keep firearms under lock and key



# 8 ways to be a safe firearm owner

- 1. Keep firearms in a lockbox or safe.** Always store guns in a locked location, unloaded, and out of reach and sight of children.
- 2. Store ammunition separately.** Always store ammunition in a separate locked location from the gun, out of reach and sight of children.
- 3. Keep gun and ammunition safe keys and combinations hidden.** This adds an extra layer of safety.
- 4. Use gun and trigger locks.** These devices can prevent the firearm from being discharged accidentally.
- 5. If a visitor has a gun in your home,** provide them with a space to lock it up.
- 6. Educate children about firearm safety.** Children are naturally curious. Teach them that guns are not toys and should never be touched without adult supervision. Tell children to alert an adult immediately if they come across a firearm or ammunition.
- 7. Ask about the presence of firearms in other homes.** Find out if guns are present and how they are stored in the homes of relatives, friends and caregivers before your child visits their home. Asking about firearm storage can be a sensitive topic, but it's necessary to keep your child safe when you are not around.
- 8. Safely dispose of guns you don't need.** Consult with law enforcement in your community on how to do so.

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If you are worried that your child or someone else may be struggling with mental health issues or is suicidal, help is available. Call **988** for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.



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