

Safe Storage Fact Sheet

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Did you know that keeping at-home firearms locked, unloaded, and stored away from ammunition in secure storage can significantly reduce the risk that children and teens would use the firearm to hurt themselves or others?

In 2020, firearm-related injuries became the leading cause of injury deaths for children and teens ages 1-19.



Firearms are used in 46.8% of suicides among children and teens under the age of 18.

The majority of individuals who carried out a K-12 mass shooting obtained the firearms used in the shooting from a family member.



Keeping firearms and ammunition locked has been associated with a lower risk of firearm injuries for children and teens in homes where guns are stored.

What are the Safe Storage Options?

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Cable Lock

Prevents a gun from being loaded and fired.



No cost to \$20, online retailer

Trigger Lock

Prevents a gun from being fired.



\$6-35, online retailer

Lock Box

A lockable box featuring a passcode or biometric access.



\$30-\$100+, sporting goods store

Gun Safe

A large safe that fits one or more firearms.



\$70-\$150+, sporting goods store, home improvement store

Learn More about What You Can Do

Fast Facts: Firearm Violence Prevention

A webpage created by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention that provides an overview of who is affected by firearm injuries, how common they are, and links to additional information about safe storage.

Five Facts About Mass Shootings in K-12 Schools

A National Institute of Justice publication that provides a brief overview of what the latest research recommends communities do to detect, prevent, and respond to mass shootings that occur in school settings.

Safety and Security for Firearm Owners

A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives publication that provides recommendations for safe firearms handling, and ways to help firearm owners protect themselves and the public from the theft, loss, or misuse of their firearm.

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A website created by the federal government to provide schools and districts with actionable recommendations to create safe and supportive learning environments where students can thrive.

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