

Why Gun Safety Matters

Every year, tragic incidents involving firearms and children occur because guns were not stored properly.



As a parent or guardian, ensuring that firearms are secured and inaccessible to children is not just a responsibility - it's a necessity.



Protecting your family and others starts with knowing how to store and handle guns safely.



Protect your family.

Secure your firearms.

Prevent tragedies.



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GUN SAFETY

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



**PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN
AND COMMUNITIES**

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Be a responsible parent and gun owner

As parents, it's our duty to ensure the safety of our children and those around them. Secure your firearms today, educate your children, and avoid becoming a statistic in preventable tragedies. Remember, the law holds us accountable for the actions we take—or fail to take—when it comes to firearm safety.

Gun Safety at Home

★ ALWAYS LOCK YOUR FIREARMS ★

*Store guns in a locked container, like a safe or lockbox
Use gun locks to prevent accidental discharge
Keep ammunition separate from firearms*

★ EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN ★

*Talk about the dangers of firearms
Emphasize that guns are not toys
If they find a gun, they should not touch it and tell an adult immediately
Treat guns as dangerous at all times, even when unloaded*

★ REGULAR SECURITY CHECKS ★

*Ensure safes, lockboxes, and gun locks are secure and in working order
Review safety protocols with everyone in the household*

★ KNOW YOUR CHILD'S ENVIRONMENT ★

*Ensure firearms in homes your child visits are securely stored
Discuss gun safety practices with family and friends to help protect your child.*

Criminal Consequences

As awareness increases regarding the dangers of unsecured firearms, legislation is evolving to address these concerns. In numerous states, parents can now face criminal charges if their children access an unsecured gun and subsequently harm themselves or others.



Negligence Laws:

Allowing a child to access a firearm can lead to charges of child neglect, carrying serious legal consequences, including imprisonment.

Civil Liability:

Parents can be held financially responsible for damages caused by their child with an unsecured gun.



****Gun Locks Available for Free****