

WHY SAFE STORAGE MATTERS:

Putting Child Safety First

American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that the safest home for a family is a home without guns. If there is a gun in the home, the gun should be stored unloaded and locked, with ammunition stored separately. These safety measures are associated with significant reductions in the risk of unintentional and self-inflicted firearm injuries among children. (1)

1.7 MILLION
CHILDREN LIVE IN A HOME WITH AN
UNLOCKED, LOADED GUN. (2)

Safe storage means:

UNLOADED
with ammunition stored separately



LOCKED
with a trigger or gun lock or kept in a lockbox where kids can't access it



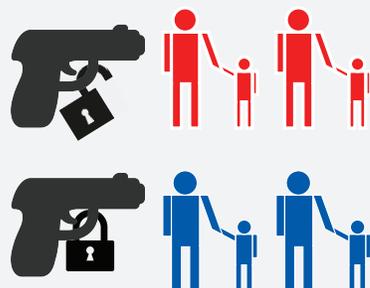
GUNS KILL MORE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 THAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE LINE OF DUTY (3)

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

ONE THIRD OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 HAVE A GUN (4)



22%
OF CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN A HOUSE WITH A GUN HANDLED A GUN **WITHOUT** THEIR PARENTS' KNOWLEDGE (6)



43%
OF GUN-OWNING HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN STORE THEIR GUNS UNLOCKED (5)

82%
OF FIREARM SUICIDES AMONG YOUTH UNDER 18 USED A FIREARM **BELONGING TO A FAMILY MEMBER, USUALLY A PARENT.** (7)

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Questions to Ensure Kids Are Safe:

1) Are your kids **vaccinated**?

2) If you have a POOL, does it have **restricted access**?

3) If you have a CAR, do you have the **right child seat**?

4) If you have an AGGRESSIVE PET, is it **secured away from the kids**?

5) If you have a GUN, is it **stored safely**?

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