

A Parent's Guide to Home Firearm Safety



Children have **easy** access to firearms.



1 in 3 U.S. homes with children under 18 have a firearm. (1)



45% of those homes have an **unlocked** firearm. (1)



3 in 4 children ages 5 to 14 know where firearms are kept in their home.

1 in 5 report handling a firearm in the home without their parents' knowledge. (2)

Easy access to firearms can lead to **tragic** consequences.

Over 19,000 children and teens (0-19) are killed or injured by firearms each year. (3)

100+

children aged 0-14 are accidentally shot and killed annually in the US. (4)

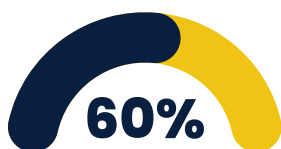
Children as young as 3 years old are strong enough to fire a handgun. (5)

In 2020, firearms became the leading cause of death in the U.S. for children and adolescents, surpassing car crashes.

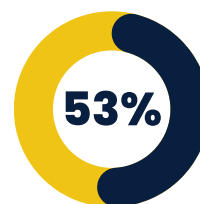


1 in every 5 children who died in 2021 were killed by a firearm. (6)

In 2021,



of firearm-related deaths in children and teens ages 0-18 were homicides. (7)



The rate of firearm suicide among children and teens has increased 53% over the past decade. (3)

What's the **solution?**

ASK:

Is there a gun where my child plays?



→ If the answer is:

YES

make sure all guns are **stored, unloaded, and locked with no access to keys**, ideally in a gun safe, with ammunition locked separately.

NO

then you have one less thing to worry about.



If there any doubts about the safety of another home, invite the kids to your house instead.

What are the **safe** storage options?

What is it called?

What does it look like?

Where can I buy it?

Cable Lock

Do not install around the trigger.



Amazon.com
\$9.97

Trigger Lock

Do not use on a loaded gun.



Amazon.com
\$11.99

Lock Box

Store ammunition separately.



Amazon.com
\$49.99

Gun Safe

Store ammunition separately.



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