Parents’ Guide to Home Firearm Safety

Children have easy access to firearms.

1 in 3 U.S. homes with children under 18 has a firearm.¹

3 in 4 children age 5 to 14 know where firearms are kept in their home.²

43% of these homes have an unlocked firearm.¹

Easy access to firearms can lead to tragic consequences.

Over 41,000 children and youth* are injured or killed by firearms each year. That equals 113 children or youth a day.³

Unintentional shootings account for 14% of all firearm deaths in children under 15.³

Children as young as 3 years old are strong enough to fire a handgun.⁴

Homicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people aged 1 to 24 in the U.S.³

85% of all youth homicides involved a firearm in 2012.³

In 2012, 46% of all youth suicides involved a firearm.³

In 2 out of 3 cases when a child or youth used a family member’s firearm to commit suicide, the firearm was kept unlocked.⁵

* Youth are defined as ages 15-24 unless otherwise defined

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What’s the solution?

If the answer is **“No”**

that’s one less thing you have to worry about.

Ask: Is there a gun where my child plays?

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

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.

What are the **safe** storage options?

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