

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO

# GUN SAFETY



KEEPING EVERY CHILD SAFE  
AROUND GUNS



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- Are you aware that almost a third of all U.S. homes with children have guns in them?
- Two million kids live in homes where loaded guns are kept unlocked.
- Unintentional shootings happen every day, even by toddlers who are believed to be too young to pull a trigger.
- There were 241 unintentional shootings done by kids in 2019 that caused over 100 deaths and 150 injuries.
- When a gun is kept in a home, it is 43 times more likely to kill a friend or loved one than an actual burglar.



# Keeping Kids Safe

1. Don't be afraid to talk to your child about guns and gun safety. Tell them what your expectations are and why guns are to be taken seriously.
2. Older children can take a gun safety class.
3. Teach kids to not touch a gun unless an adult is present. Reinforce the importance of getting an adult immediately whenever they see a gun anywhere.
4. All guns should be stored in a locked area. Children and teens should not have access to the keys or combinations to lock boxes or gun safes.
5. Guns should never be kept loaded unless being used by an adult or under adult supervision.
6. Gun ammunition should be kept in a different location from the gun.
7. Do not keep loaded unlocked guns in vehicles.
8. When guns are being used, keep gun safety catch in place until you are ready to fire it. Before setting a gun down, unload it.
9. Complete the Gun Safety Checklist for Parents

**THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT UNINTENTIONAL GUN INJURIES, SUICIDE AND HOMICIDE TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IS THE ABSENCE OF GUNS IN HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.**

# Gun Safety Checklist

*for parents!*

- Have you talked to your child about the importance of gun safety? Remind children regularly about gun safety.
- Is every gun in the house unloaded?
- Is every gun in the house in a lock box or gun safe?
- Is all the ammunition for the guns kept in a different location than the gun?
- Have I discussed gun safety with the parents of all my child's friends. When my child visits their home will guns be unloaded and locked up?
- Does my child know what to do if they find a gun?