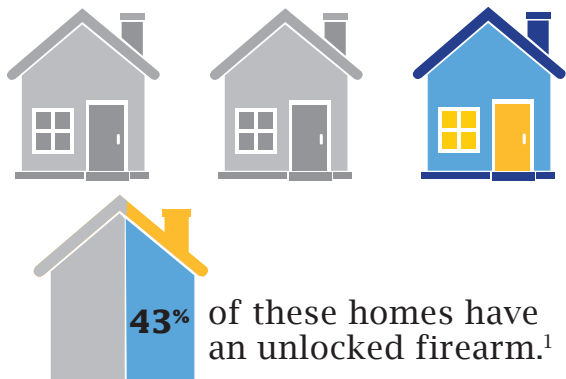




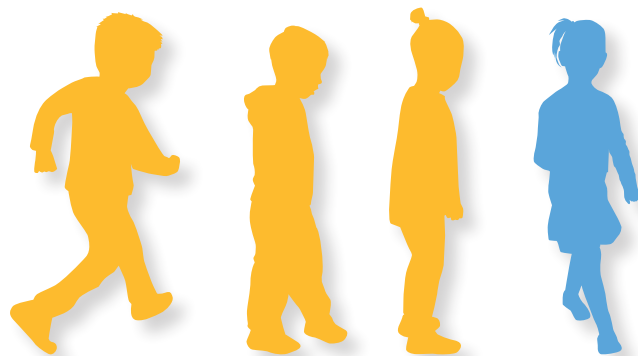
Parents' Guide to Home Firearm Safety

Children have **easy** access to firearms.

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



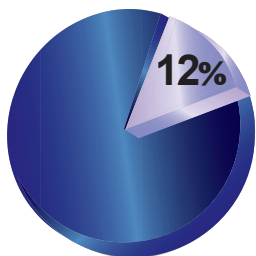
3 in 4 children age 5 to 14
know where firearms are kept in their home.²



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

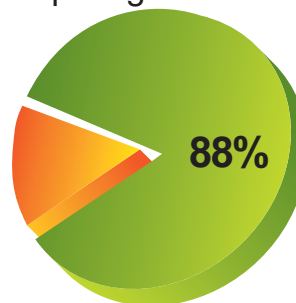
Over **54,000** children and youth* are injured or killed by firearms each year. That equals **148** children or youth a day.³

Unintentional shootings account for **12%**
of all firearm deaths in children under 15.³



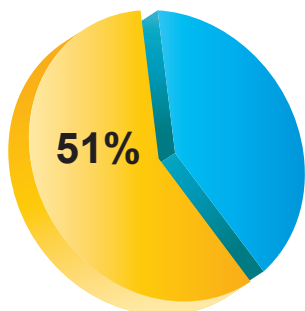
Children as young as **3 years old**
are strong enough to fire a handgun.⁴

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



88% of all youth **homicides**
involved a firearm in 2020.³

In 2020, **51%** 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

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?

What's it called?

What does it look like? Where can I buy it?

Cable Lock

Do not install around the trigger.



amazon.com (\$7-\$20)

May be available free from local police.

Trigger Lock

Do not use on a loaded gun.



amazon.com (\$6-\$35)

Lock Box

Store ammunition separately.
Only adults should have access to keys.



Dick's Sporting Goods (\$30-\$100+)

Gun Safe

Store ammunition separately.



Cabela's (\$150+)

Home Depot (\$70+)

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