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)
- In 2020, firearms became the leading cause of death in the U.S. for children and adolescents, surpassing car crashes.
- 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)
- 1 in every 5 children who died in 2021 were killed by a firearm. (6)
- In 2021, 60% 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?

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