

# 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)

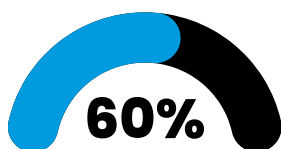
**Children as young as 3 years old** are strong enough to fire a handgun. (5)

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

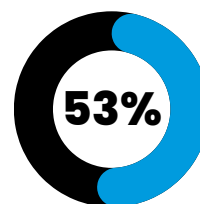


1 in every 5 children who died in 2021 were killed by a firearm. (6)

In 2021,



of firearm-related deaths in children and teens aged 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.



Amazon.com  
\$109.99

**Take Apart Firearm**



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