

Gun Safety



**Many families keep a gun in their home.
Be sure all family members know proper gun safety.
Children are curious and accidents can happen.
Lock up guns and ammunition, *separately*.**

Tips for gun safety

- Keep guns unloaded and locked in a cabinet, safe, gun vault, or storage case
- Keep ammunition in a place separate from the gun, such as a lock box
- Use a gun trigger lock to disable the gun from firing accidentally
- Use the owner's fingerprint to open trigger locks and gun safes
- Hide the key/passcode to the locked storage

More things you can do to be sure your children are safe

- Talk with your children about gun safety – even if you don't have guns at home
 - Convey how dangerous they can be
 - Teach children to follow these rules if they see a gun:
 - Do not touch the gun, or allow anyone else to, even if it looks like a toy
 - Leave the area where the gun is
 - Tell an adult right away
- If your children visit the homes of family and friends, ask if they have guns
 - It may feel awkward to ask, but most people will understand that you're trying to protect your child

Helpful Resources

Project ChildSafe - Safety Kit | www.projectchildsafe.org/safety/get-a-safety-kit

- Offers cable-style gun lock and safety instructions
- Visit the website and choose your state to find a distribution site near you

Make your home a safe place for your child if you choose to have a gun.