

# GUN SAFETY TIPS

## TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS WHEN KIDS ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE GUNS ARE PRESENT.

### Store Guns and Ammunition Safely

- Store guns in a locked location, unloaded, out of the reach and sight of children.
- Store ammunition in a separate locked location, out of the reach and sight of children.
- Keep the keys and combinations hidden.
- When a gun is not being stored, it should be on your person and in your immediate control at all times. Otherwise, a gun should always be stored locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition.
- Make sure all guns are equipped with effective, child-resistant gun locks.
- If a visitor has a gun in a backpack, briefcase, handbag or an unlocked car, provide them with a locked place to hold it while they are in your home.
- Leaving guns on a nightstand, table or other place where a child can gain access may lead to injuries and fatalities.



### Talk to Your Kids and Their Caregivers

- Explain how a gun your kids might see on television or a video game is different from a gun in real life.
- Teach kids never to touch a gun and to immediately tell an adult if they see one.
- Talk to grandparents and the parents of friends your children visit about safe gun storage practices.
- Don't have the conversation only once. Talk to them frequently, just as you would about other crucial safety issues.
- Make sure they understand that any situation where there's an unsupervised gun is a dangerous situation.

### Dispose of Guns You Don't Need

- If you decide that you no longer need to have a gun in your home, dispose of it in a safe way.
- Consult with law enforcement in your community on how to do so.

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