



Simple conversations and secure storage **SAVE LIVES**

Talk to your kids about firearm safety, just like fire drills or food allergies.
Repeat the rules so they know what to do.



What do I tell **my young child**?

- "If you see a gun, don't touch it. Tell an adult right away."
- "Do not touch a gun, even if it looks like a toy."

At this age, securely storing firearms is especially important.



What do I tell **my teen**?

- "Immediately leave any situation where an unsecured gun is present."
- "Do not listen to a friend who says a gun is unloaded or otherwise safe."
- "If a student tells you they have a gun in their backpack or locker, or a gun at home they plan to bring to school, tell an adult right away."



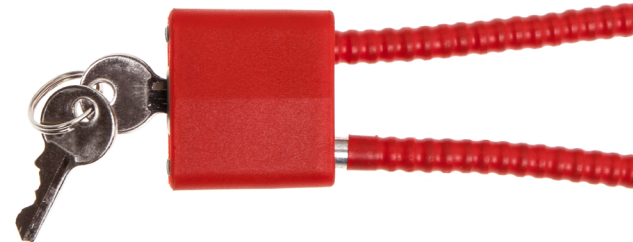
What do I ask **other parents** before my child plays or babysits at their house?

- "Before I drop my son off, I just wanted to check to see if you have pets. And also ask if you have firearms in your house and confirm how they are stored. I want to make sure he knows your safety rules."
- "While we're talking safety – do you have any guns in the house? If so, can you tell me how they're stored? Thanks!"

Keep the tone nonjudgmental and focused on shared concern for children's well-being.

About **secure storage**:

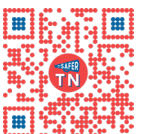
- Lock your firearms, unloaded, in a gun safe, lock box, vehicle console safe, or vehicle cargo area safe. Gun safes are not subject to sales tax in Tennessee.
- Alternatively, use a cable lock (available free from your county sheriff's office and other locations) or trigger lock to secure your firearm.
- A hidden gun is not a safe gun.
- It is recommended that you store firearms separately from ammunition.



For more information and resources:
safertn.org/safe-kids



Free Cable Locks



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