



Firearm Safety for Families

Colorado



Kaiser Permanente Cares About Your Family's Safety

1 in 3

households in the U.S. have firearms.*

Firearm-related injuries are a **leading cause of death** for children and teens.*

8 children and teens are injured or killed by a firearm in their home or a friend or family member's home every day.*

Visit the **S.A.F.E. Firearm website's resources page** via the QR code below or go to: <https://safe-firearm.org/resources/>



Many firearm injuries among children & teens can be prevented.

- Securely storing firearms reduces unauthorized access by children.
- While children and teens can learn how to handle firearms responsibly, preventing unauthorized firearm access is essential.
- Firearms can be deadly for teens that are struggling with depression. If your teenager is at risk of hurting themselves, consider storing firearms off-site temporarily.

Teach your kids how to be safe and responsible around firearms.

Talk with your child:

- Guns are not toys.
- If you see a gun, don't touch it and tell an adult right away.
- You can accidentally hurt yourself or others when you touch or play with guns.

Talk with your teen:

- If a friend or classmate shows you a gun, leave and tell an adult right away.
- Only use guns with a parent/guardian or responsible adult present.
- Assume all guns that you handle are loaded.

Talk with your family, friends, and neighbors when your child goes on play dates or sleepovers.

- When talking about other topics such as food allergies or pool safety, ask if their firearms are securely locked (examples below):
- "My doctor suggested that I ask if all guns are securely locked when my children go on play dates."
- "My child is clever and curious. Are all firearms stored locked so that they can't get into them?"

The S.A.F.E. Firearm website features resources from firearm and pediatric experts about:

- How to use cable locks
- Where to find free firearm locks
- Alternative firearm storage options
- How to talk with other adults about firearm safety
- ...and more!

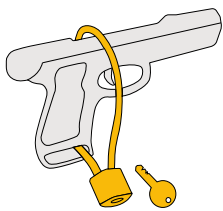
* Sources: J Urban Health, 2018: <https://bit.ly/3tthgA4>; NEJM, 2018: <https://bit.ly/3sytpn0>; <https://endfamilyfire.org>. All statistics are for the U.S.

Firearm Safety | Safe Storage Options

Many firearm injuries and deaths among children and teens can be prevented by securing and locking up all firearms and ammunition.

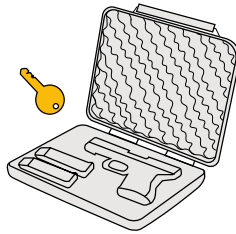
There are many safe storage options you can choose from with various shapes, sizes, locking mechanisms (key, mechanical, combination, fingerprint, etc.), and prices.

Cable locks are designed for unloaded firearms.

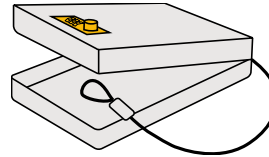


Cable lock
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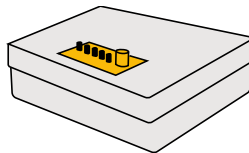
Lockable case, box, or safe



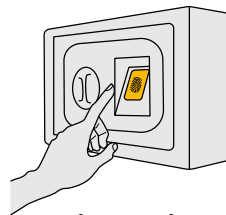
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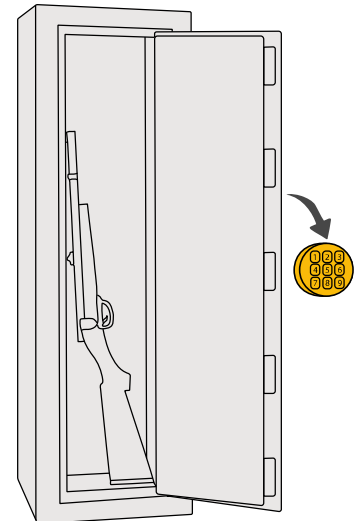
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Mechanical
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Biometric
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Long gun vault
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Parents/guardians who attended a well-child visit for youth ages 5-17 may receive a text or email with a survey about today's visit and the S.A.F.E. Firearm program. Please consider completing it. Thank you!

Prevent unwanted use and injuries:

- Make sure your children cannot gain unauthorized access to firearms in your home or other homes where they live and spend time.
- Hiding firearms is not enough. Most children and teens know where they are kept.

Securely store firearms for self-protection:

- Consider locked safes or cases that are designed for quick access and can securely keep firearms away from curious children and teens.

What is S.A.F.E. Firearm?

- Kaiser Permanente provides support for responsible firearm ownership.
- During well-child visits, your clinician may talk to you about ensuring all firearms are secured in any place that your child or teen spends time. This includes your own home as well as a friend or family's home where your child visits.
- We have **free cable firearm locks** available for our patients' parents/guardians to take home.
- The S.A.F.E. Firearm project is led by a team of researchers and clinicians at the University of Pennsylvania, Kaiser Permanente Colorado, and Henry Ford Health System and is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.