

FIREARMS SECURITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Gun owners can make their homes and communities safer by storing their guns securely. This means storing them locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition. Securing firearms protects children and adults by preventing unintentional shootings and gun suicides.

UNSECURED GUNS IN THE HOME CREATE RISKS OF UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTINGS BY CHILDREN

We are all safer when guns are stored unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition. One study found that households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with a 78 percent lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens, compared to those that locked neither. Another estimated that if half of households with children have at least one unlocked gun switched to locking all their guns, one-third of youth gun suicides and unintentional deaths could be prevented.