

Responsible Gun Storage: It's Up to Adults

Kids are curious! They can't be expected to make smart decisions about their own safety. It's up to adults to prevent kids from gaining access to guns.

What You Can Do

KNOW THE FACTS:

- More than 2 million children live in homes with unsecured guns.
- In 2013, nearly two children per week were killed in unintentional shootings.
- Most unintentional shootings can be prevented by responsible storage practices.

DO YOUR PART:

If you own guns:

- Store your gun locked and unloaded.
- Keep ammunition stored and locked separately.
- Assume that children will find an unsecured gun—no matter how well you think it's hidden.
- Let your friends and family know you practice responsible storage, and encourage them to do the same.

If you're a parent or guardian:

- Always ask about the presence of guns anywhere your child may visit. That includes the homes and vehicles of:
 - Friends
 - Relatives
 - Babysitters and day-care providers
 - Playmates of your children
- If there's a gun present, confirm that it's stored safely.
- Don't allow children into a home or vehicle with an unsecured gun.

SPREAD THE WORD:

Send other adults to Everytown.org/childaccess to get facts on responsible storage facts.

Remember: Expect a child to **always** be curious and touch a gun when he or she finds it. Storing guns safely is **always** an adult responsibility.

