

Keep your kids safe from guns in home

There was a time when the biggest worry about allowing your child to have a play date at a friend's house was whether your kid would behave. Nowadays, parents have more to worry about, including guns in the home. Unfortunately, many gun owners don't safely store their weapons, even when the guns are loaded and children are in the home.



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Quick facts on gun safety:

1 Children of all ages are at risk of being hurt by guns. Most unintentional gun deaths among children occur at home, sometimes during play. That's why it's important to safely store firearm at all times.



2 Talk to your children about what to do if they find a gun in the home or elsewhere. Tell them to not to touch the gun, walk away and notify an adult immediately.

3 Secure storage is needed, too. Firearms should be stored unloaded and locked in a gun safe. Ammunition should always be stored separately.

4 Kids are curious. So assume they know you have a gun. Never tell kids the combination or key location for your gun safe.

5 When your child visits a friend's home to play, ask if there is an unlocked gun in the house. If there is, ask how the gun and ammunition are stored. If you don't think it is safe, ask the parents if their child can visit your home instead for the play date.



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