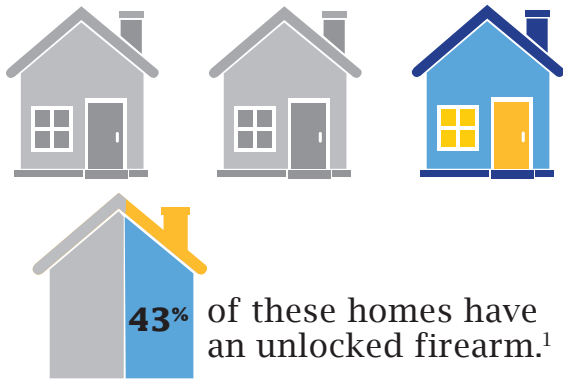




# Parents' Guide to Home Firearm Safety

Children have **easy** access to firearms.

**1 in 3** U.S. homes with children under 18 has a firearm.<sup>1</sup>



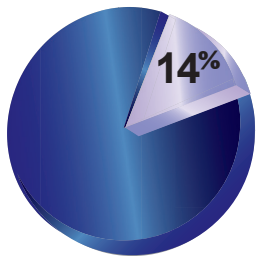
**3 in 4 children** age 5 to 14 know where firearms are kept in their home.<sup>2</sup>



## Easy access to firearms can lead to **tragic** consequences.

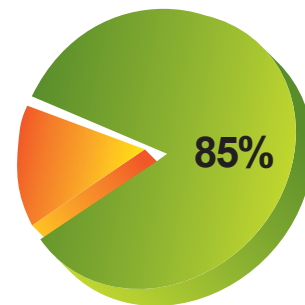
Over **41,000** children and youth\* are injured or killed by firearms each year. That equals **113** children or youth a day.<sup>3</sup>

**Unintentional shootings** account for **14%** of all firearm deaths in children under 15.<sup>3</sup>



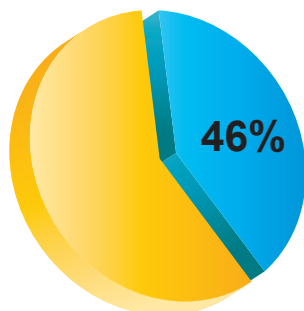
Children as young as **3 years old** are strong enough to fire a handgun.<sup>4</sup>

**Homicide** is the **2nd leading cause** of death among young people aged 1 to 24 in the U.S.<sup>3</sup>



**85%** of all youth **homicides** involved a firearm in 2012.<sup>3</sup>

In 2012, **46%** of all youth **suicides** involved a firearm.<sup>3</sup>



In **2 out of 3** cases when a child or youth used a family member's firearm to commit **suicide**, the firearm was kept unlocked.<sup>5</sup>

# What's the **solution**?

If the answer is

**“No”**

that's one less thing you have to worry about.

**Ask:**  
Is there a gun where my child plays?



If the answer is

**“Yes”**

make sure all guns are stored, unloaded, and locked with no access to keys, ideally in a gun safe, with ammunition locked separately.

If there are any doubts about the safety of another home, invite the kids to your house instead.



## What are the **safe** storage options?

What's it called?

What does it look like? Where can I buy it?

**Cable Lock**

Do not install around the trigger.



amazon.com (\$7-\$20)  
May be available free from local police.

**Trigger Lock**

Do not use on a loaded gun.



amazon.com (\$6-\$35)

**Lock Box**

Store ammunition separately.  
Only adults should have access to keys.



Dick's Sporting Goods (\$30-\$100+)

**Gun Safe**

Store ammunition separately.



Cabela's (\$150+)  
Home Depot (\$70+)

**Take Apart Firearm**



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