

STORE GUNS SAFELY. SAVE LIVES.

Family fire refers to a shooting caused by someone having access to a gun from the home when they shouldn't have it. This includes children as well as those who display behavior that indicates they could harm themselves or others.



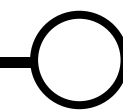
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children live in homes with access to an unlocked or unsupervised gun and every day.



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children and teens are unintentionally injured or killed due to family fire every day.



76%

of school shooters under 18 get their gun from the home or home of a close relative.



3X

Access to a gun triples the risk of death by suicide

**END
FAMILY
FIRE**

Talk with your patients about safe gun storage. Asking about unlocked guns in the home should be a standard part of safety screenings.

Guns are most secure when they are:

LOCKED

UNLOADED

**SEPARATE FROM
AMMUNITION**

Types of gun storage can include Cable & Trigger Locks, Lock Boxes & Carrying Cases, Gun Safes & Cabinets, and off-site storage. Consider off-site storage if a household member is experiencing suicidal thoughts, dementia, substance abuse, or violent tendencies.

Storing guns unlocked, even if hidden in locations like a bedside table, under a mattress, or on a closet shelf, increases the risk of family fire.

If you are concerned about the well-being of a patient due to firearm access, seek out information about whether your state allows healthcare providers to file for an extreme risk protective order.