

# STORE FIREARMS SAFELY. SAVE LIVES.

## How to store your gun safely to avoid family fire.

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. Unintentional shootings, suicide, and intentional shootings are all forms of family fire.

### Family fire is preventable by storing your guns safely.

## THE FACTS:

- Every day 8 children and teens are unintentionally injured or killed due to family fire
- 4.6 million children live in homes with access to an unlocked or unsupervised gun
- Nearly 1 in 4 children have handled a gun in their home without their parents knowing
- Access to a gun triples the risk of death by suicide
- 76% of school shooters under 18 get their gun from the home or home of a close relative

## DO'S

- Store your gun unloaded
- Store ammunition separately
- Lock it up. Consider your options: cable locks, trigger locks, lock boxes or carrying cases, gun safes, biometric safes



## DONT'S

- Store your gun unlocked in a bedside table
- Store your gun under a mattress or pillow
- Store your gun on a closet shelf
- Store your gun unlocked among other valuables

Consider remote storage options if you have a young child or if a household member is experiencing suicidal thoughts, depression, dementia, substance abuse problems, or violent tendencies.