



SAFE GUN STORAGE SAVES LIVES!

- Safe Gun Storage helps prevent suicides.
- Safe Gun Storage helps prevent school shootings.
- Safe Gun Storage helps prevent unintentional shootings.

Making sure children don't have access to firearms in the home not only helps keep our schools safe by averting school shootings but also helps prevent the thousands of youth suicides and hundreds of unintentional shootings that take place in homes across this country each year!

Prevent School Shootings – LOCK IT UP!

In the three years post the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting where 20 young children were murdered, there were over 80 school shootings in K-12 public schools in the United States. The majority of these shootings were committed by minors and where there was knowledge of the gun's origin, **65% of the shooters used a gun he/she obtained from his home or from the home of a relative.**

Prevent Unintentional Shootings – LOCK IT UP!

Unsecured guns pose a special risk to children—kids as young as three years old are strong enough to pull a trigger. Data from the CDC indicate that between 2007 and 2011, an average of 62 children age 14 and under were accidentally shot and killed each year. As of January 17, 2018 – this year – 3 children were killed, 11 were injured unintentionally. In 2017 132 kids were killed, 216 kids were injured, and 16 adults were shot ... all by kids!

Additional research shows that a majority of children living in gun-owning households know where weapons are stored ... and how to access them ... sometimes without their parents' knowledge and even where parents are certain their child does not know where guns are stored or knows how to act responsibly around guns.

Los Angeles City and California Requires It – LOCK IT UP!

Be sure to talk with your family, friends, and neighbors! Handguns kept in Los Angeles homes must be locked up or disabled with a trigger lock when not within reach of the owner. In California, a parent or guardian may be civilly liable for damages resulting from the discharge of a firearm by that person's child and may be criminally liable if they negligently store or leave any loaded firearm on their premises where a child is likely to gain access to it. (California Penal Code 25100.) **Safe storage laws help prevent access to firearms by children in the home and can help prevent suicide, unintentional shootings, and school shootings.**

*For more information about safe gun storage and **The TALK Project**
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