

# Firearm Safety



Gunshot wounds are the leading cause of death for children and teens.

**Safe storage can save your loved one's life.**

Store firearms locked and unloaded with ammunition separate.

**19,000**  
children and  
teens are shot  
every year



**4.6 million**  
children in the U.S.  
live in homes with  
unlocked firearms



Every day,  
more than **120**  
people in the U.S.  
are killed with firearms



**90%** of  
suicide attempts  
with a firearm  
are fatal



## ASK!

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND THE COMMUNITY

### WAYS TO START ASKING

#### Say my doctor asked me to ...

*"Our pediatrician said firearms are the leading cause of death for kids and urged us to ask if there are unlocked firearms in the house."*

#### Say a friend asked ...

*"Our friend asked if we had any unlocked firearms in the house. We don't but it's smart to ask. What about you any unlocked firearms in the house?"*

#### Say it's on my list ...

*Have a list of safety questions, leave firearms for last.  
"Any pets? Screen time rules? Any unlocked firearms in the house?"*

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know is struggling  
or in crisis,  
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