



SAFE GUN STORAGE SAVES LIVES

Help protect our kids, prevent accidents,
and keep our guns from criminals.

FOLLOW THESE 3 STEPS TO SAFE GUN STORAGE

1

Store Firearms

Store unloaded and secured by using a trigger lock, biometric lock, gun case, strong box, gun cabinet or gun safe.

2

Store Ammunition

Store and lock ammunition safely.

3

Restrict Access

Keep others from getting access to stored firearms 24/7. That includes family, friends, children, or other visitors.



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EL ALMACENAMIENTO SEGURO DE ARMAS SALVA VIDAS

La práctica del almacenamiento seguro de armas protege a nuestros niños, evita accidentes y mantiene nuestras armas lejos de manos criminales.

SIGA ESTOS 3 PASOS PARA EL ALMACENAMIENTO SEGURO DE ARMAS

1

ALMACENE DE FORMA SEGURA ARMAS DE FUEGO

Almacénelas descargadas y aseguradas usando un seguro de gatillo, seguro biométrico, estuche, caja fuerte, armero o caja de seguridad para armas.

2

ALMACENE DE FORMA SEGURA MUNICIONES

Almacene y asegure de manera segura las municiones.

3

RESTRINJA EL ACCESO

Evite 24/7 que otras personas tengan acceso a las armas de fuego almacenadas. Eso incluye a la familia, amistades, niños u otros visitantes.



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TALKING TO OTHERS ABOUT GUN SAFETY



TALK TO OTHER PARENTS

About one-third of homes with children have at least one firearm – and many of those guns are both unlocked and loaded. It is important to keep your child away from firearms. But parents are often uncomfortable having a conversation about gun safety with others. Remember, you're just trying to keep your child safe. The best way to do that is to find out whether there is a firearm and how it is being stored in any home where your child goes to play.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- ★ Don't be confrontational. Be respectful.
- ★ Make sure you're completely comfortable with the person's answers before you let your child stay with them.
- ★ There is no harm in asking. There is potentially more harm in not asking.
- ★ Most parents, including gun owners, won't mind your questions at all.

SOME WAYS YOU CAN APPROACH THE SUBJECT

- ★ "My child is very curious and gets into everything. I'm worried about what would happen if he came across a gun..."
- ★ "All of us in the PTA (or in our church group, etc.) have committed to making sure our children are safe. So, I've gotten in the habit of asking everyone..."
- ★ "(Name of your child) has never been to your house before; can you tell us more about what it will be like?"
- ★ "We don't let our kids watch too much television or drink too much soda. (List other concerns.) Here are more serious concerns I have..."

TALK TO YOUR KIDS

Children are curious and will have questions about guns. Whether there is a firearm in your home or not, it is important to talk to your child about the rules of gun safety. There may be a situation where they see a gun and you are not around. They should know how to act.

Choose a time and place where they won't be distracted to have the conversation. Consider their age when you are talking to your child about gun safety. Ask them what they already know, and encourage them to ask questions. Don't be afraid to talk to them again to make sure they remember.

TALK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

As important as it is to keep firearms away from the wrong hands, it's also important to talk to your fellow Texans about safe gun storage. You can talk to others and share our resources about gun safety at group or community events, PTA meetings, religious organizations, HOA meetings, or other gatherings. The more people know about how to safely store firearms, the more we can KEEP 'EM SAFE, TEXAS!

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HABLE CON LOS DEMÁS SOBRE LA SEGURIDAD DE LAS ARMAS



HABLE CON OTROS PADRES

Cerca de un tercio de los hogares con niños tienen al menos un arma de fuego, y muchas de esas armas están cargadas y no tienen seguro. Es importante mantener a sus niños alejados de las armas de fuego. Pero los padres con frecuencia se sienten incómodos al hablar con otras personas sobre la seguridad de las armas de fuego. Recuerde, solo está tratando de mantener seguro a su hijo. La mejor manera de hacerlo es averiguar si en las casas a donde su hijo va a jugar hay un arma y cómo está almacenada.

RECUERDE

- ★ No sea conflictivo. Sea respetuoso.
- ★ Asegúrese de que se siente completamente agusto con las respuestas de la persona antes de dejar que su hijo vaya con ellos.
- ★ No hay nada de malo en preguntar. No preguntar puede resultar mucho más peligroso.
- ★ La mayoría de los padres, incluyendo a los dueños de armas, no se molestarán por sus preguntas.

ALGUNAS MANERAS DE ABORDAR EL TEMA

- ★ "Mi hijo es muy curioso y anda por todas partes. Me preocupa qué pasaría si llegase a encontrar un arma..."
- ★ "Todos en la PTA (o en el grupo de iglesia, etc.) nos hemos comprometido a garantizar la seguridad de nuestros niños. Así que ahora tengo el hábito de preguntar a todos..."
- ★ "(Nombre de su hijo) nunca ha ido a tu casa; ¿nos puedes platicar más de lo que habrá ahí?"
- ★ "No dejamos a nuestros hijos ver mucho la televisión ni tomar mucho refresco. (Mencione más preocupaciones). Y otras preocupaciones de mayor importancia que tengo son..."

HABLE CON SUS NIÑOS

Los niños son curiosos y tendrán dudas acerca de las armas. Si hay o no un arma de fuego en su casa, es importante hablar con su hijo acerca de las reglas para la seguridad con armas de fuego. Pudiera darse una situación en la que vean un arma y usted no se encuentre ahí. Ellos deben saber cómo actuar.

Elija un momento y un lugar sin distracciones para tener esta conversación. Considere la edad de sus hijos al hablar sobre la seguridad con las armas de fuego. Pregúnteles qué es lo que ya saben y anímelos a hacer preguntas. No tema volver a hablar con ellos para asegurarse que recuerdan la seguridad.

HABLE CON SU COMUNIDAD

Igual de importante que mantener las armas de fuego lejos de las manos equivocadas, es el hablar con sus amigos texanos acerca de almacenar las armas de manera segura. Puede hablar con otros y compartir nuestros recursos sobre la seguridad con las armas de fuego en eventos de grupos o de la comunidad, reuniones de la PTA, organizaciones religiosas, juntas de la HOA, u otras reuniones. Entre más personas sepan cómo almacenar con seguridad las armas, mejor podremos ¡MANTENERLAS SEGURAS, TEXAS!

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Sec. 46.13. MAKING A FIREARM ACCESSIBLE TO A CHILD. (a)

In this section:

(1) "Child" means a person younger than 17 years of age.

(2) "Readily dischargeable firearm" means a firearm that is loaded with ammunition, whether or not a round is in the chamber.

(3) "Secure" means to take steps that a reasonable person would take to prevent the access to a readily dischargeable firearm by a child, including but not limited to placing a firearm in a locked container or temporarily rendering the firearm inoperable by a trigger lock or other means.

(b) A person commits an offense if a child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm and the person with criminal negligence:

(1) failed to secure the firearm; or

(2) left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child would gain access.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the child's access to the firearm:

(1) was supervised by a person older than 18 years of age and was for hunting, sporting, or other lawful purposes;

(2) consisted of lawful defense by the child of people or property;

(3) was gained by entering property in violation of this code; or

(4) occurred during a time when the actor was engaged in an agricultural enterprise.

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), an offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(e) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor if the child discharges the firearm and causes death or serious bodily injury to himself or another person.

(f) A peace officer or other person may not arrest the actor before the seventh day after the date on which the offense is committed if:

(1) the actor is a member of the family, as defined by Section [71.003](#), Family Code, of the child who discharged the firearm; and

(2) the child in discharging the firearm caused the death of or serious injury to the child.

(g) A dealer of firearms shall post in a conspicuous position on the premises where the dealer conducts business a sign that contains the following warning in block letters not less than one inch in height:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO BE AND CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM."

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 83, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, Sec. 15.02(g), eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 46.14. FIREARM SMUGGLING. (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly engages in the business of transporting or transferring a firearm that the person knows was acquired in violation of the laws of any state or of the United States. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered to engage in the business of transporting or transferring a firearm if the person engages in that conduct:

(1) on more than one occasion; or

(2) for profit or any other form of remuneration.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree, unless it is shown on the trial of the offense that the offense was committed with respect to three or more firearms in a single criminal episode, in which event the offense is a felony of the second degree.

(c) This section does not apply to a peace officer who is engaged in the actual discharge of an official duty.

(d) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the

actor may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

Added by Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 153 (S.B. [2225](#)), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2009.