Secure Storage Practices to Reduce Gun Violence

The intention of this flyer is to provide information and serve as a reminder to parents and legal guardians of all students within the Palo Alto Unified School District about their obligations in accordance with California law to prevent children from accessing firearms. To promote safety within our homes and school communities, responsible gun owners can take important steps, such as storing their firearms unloaded and locked, while keeping ammunition in a separate location.

Research shows that this precautionary measure helps prevent access to firearms by children and individuals who may be at risk of causing harm to themselves or others. Storing firearms unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition in certain circumstances is CA law, and a vital measure that not only prevents access but also saves lives.

CA PC sections 25100 through 25125 and 25200 through 25220 / CA PC section 25160(e) / CA PC 29460.5 / CA PC 1714.3

#1 Unload
Gun owners should remove all ammunition from firearms, including removing any chambered rounds.

#2 Lock
Unloaded firearms should be secured with a firearm locking device, such as a jacket lock, or in a locked location, like a safe or lock box. Locking devices, safes, and lock boxes are equipped with keys, combinations, or biometric technology that limit access.

#3 Separate
Ammunition should be stored separately from the firearm in a secure location.