

Gun Safety Reminder for Summer

Unintentional shootings occur most frequently at times when children are likely to be home: over the weekend and in the summer. Guns need to be secured.

Since students spend more time at home or visiting friends and family during summer break, now is the time to reinforce secure gun storage practices. Research shows gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens.

Many school districts in Kansas are partnering with BeSMART for Kids to encourage secure gun storage in homes and vehicles. Secure storage is unloading the gun, locking it, and storing ammunition separately to prevent tragedies.

We urge parents and caregivers to not only practice responsible gun storage but also ask about the presence of guns in the homes of family and friends. Free gun locks are available from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office or your local police department.

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