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“Store It Safe” Family Handout

provided by the Partnership for the Safety of Children Around Firearms

- **Store It Safe** was established to keep children safe from accidental gun deaths and teens safe from suicide by firearms
- To help achieve this goal we are encouraging firearm owners to store their guns responsibly – locked and out of the reach of children and family discussion of gun safety with ALL children

Did you know?

- 1 out of 3 homes with kids have guns
- A 2-year-old is strong enough to pull a trigger
- In kids, about 90% of accidental shooting deaths occur in the home
- Hiding is not enough – 8 out of 10 1st graders know where the gun is hidden in their home

What can you do to keep your child safe?

- If there is a gun in the home, keep it locked and out of the reach of children
- The safest way to store a gun in your home is unloaded and securely locked, with the ammunition locked in a separate place
- Children and teens should not have access to the key or combination to the gun safe
- Talk to your child about gun safety – even if there isn't a gun in your home, chances are that your child is spending time in a home with guns
- Teach children to never touch a gun
- Children are curious – education alone is not enough; guns must be kept locked

What do I do with an unwanted gun?

- Call your local police department's non-emergency line for instructions

Where can I learn more?

- <http://projectchildsafe.org/talking-to-kids>
- <https://afsp.org/about-suicide/firearms-and-suicide-prevention/>

Questions?

- Contact Program Manager, Hayley Southworth, at (614) 846-6258 or hsouthworth@ohioaap.org
- Resources for families in English, Spanish and Somali can be found at <http://ohioaap.org/firearmsafety>