

# “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 have family discussion of gun safety with **ALL** children.



A 2-year-old is strong enough to pull a trigger



4 out of 5 1st graders know where the gun is hidden in their home

1 out of 3 homes with kids have guns



About 90% of accidental shooting deaths occur in the 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

## Questions?

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



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