



“Store It Safe” Family Fact Sheet

provided by the Partnership for the Safety of Children Around Firearms

About the Program

The Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics has teamed up with firearm owners, pediatricians and others to create The Partnership for Safety of Children Around Firearms, and a program called **Store It Safe**.

Store It Safe is about keeping children safe from accidental gun deaths. To help achieve this goal:

- We are encouraging pediatricians and office staff to discuss firearm safety at well-child visits.
- We are not keeping track of these discussions or including any information in your child’s chart.

Additional Ways to Keep Your 2 – 4-year-old Child Safe

Since your child is more mobile, it’s important to set up your home to keep your child safe. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- a) Guns should always be stored out of sight and locked when not in immediate possession of the gun owner.** When a firearm is not on the body of its owner, it should always be stored in a lock box so children cannot access it. Even children as young as 3 years old can pull the trigger of a firearm. Also, older children can be curious and should not be able to access the owner’s gun.
- b) Keep medicines and household cleaners out of your child’s reach.** Household products, medicines, and sharp objects should be stored locked in high places out of the child’s sight and reach.
- c) Fence in your pool or hot tub on all 4 sides.** Drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related death of children nationally in this age group. If you have a disposable pool, remove water from it when not in use.
- d) Check for hazards in homes your child may visit.** Other homes, especially those with no children or older children, may pose hazards from poisonings, falls, pools and guns.

Questions?

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