



## SIDING WITH SAFETY

### What is Family Fire?

*A shooting involving an improperly stored or misused gun found in the home, resulting in death or injury. Incidents include unintentional shootings, suicides and other gun-related tragedies.*

### Why is family fire an issue?

4.6 million children live in homes with access to unlocked or unsupervised guns. Everyday, family fire unintentionally injures or kills eight children and teens. Over 75% of school shootings start with kids having access to unsecured and/or unsupervised guns at home.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP?

The risk of family fire at home can be decreased by going through a list of precautionary steps twice a year.

- Always store guns out of children's reach.
- Always store ammunition separately from its gun - this reduces the risk by 61%.
- Consider offsite gun storage options in your area.
- From gun locks to safes, there are a range of effective solutions best suited for both gun and home.
- Always transport the gun inside of a cool and clean dry carrying case or storage box. These should always have numerical combinations or fingerprint recognition locks.
- Having regular conversations about gun safety with those close to you reduces the chance of family fire incidents.
- If you are not confident or have doubts about gun ownership, consider other home protection alternatives.
- Gun owners are highly encouraged to help end family fire incidents by educating friends, family, and members of their community on responsible gun ownership.

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