

Secure Firearm Storage

How You Can Promote Responsible Gun Ownership
and Reduce Child Gun Deaths

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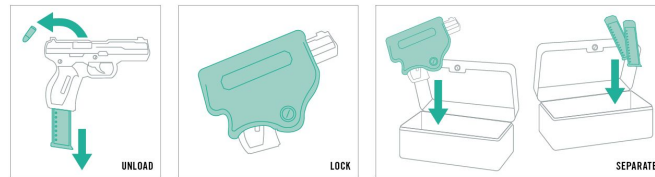
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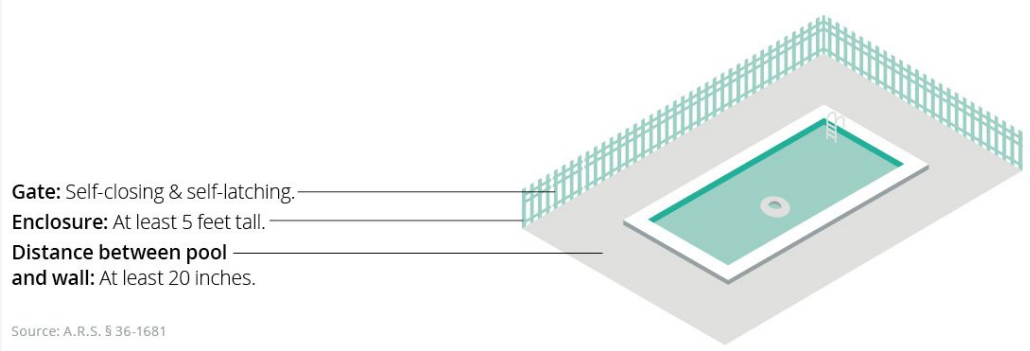
The Importance of Secure Storage

**Secure storage
prevents shootings
by disrupting
unauthorized
access to firearms.**

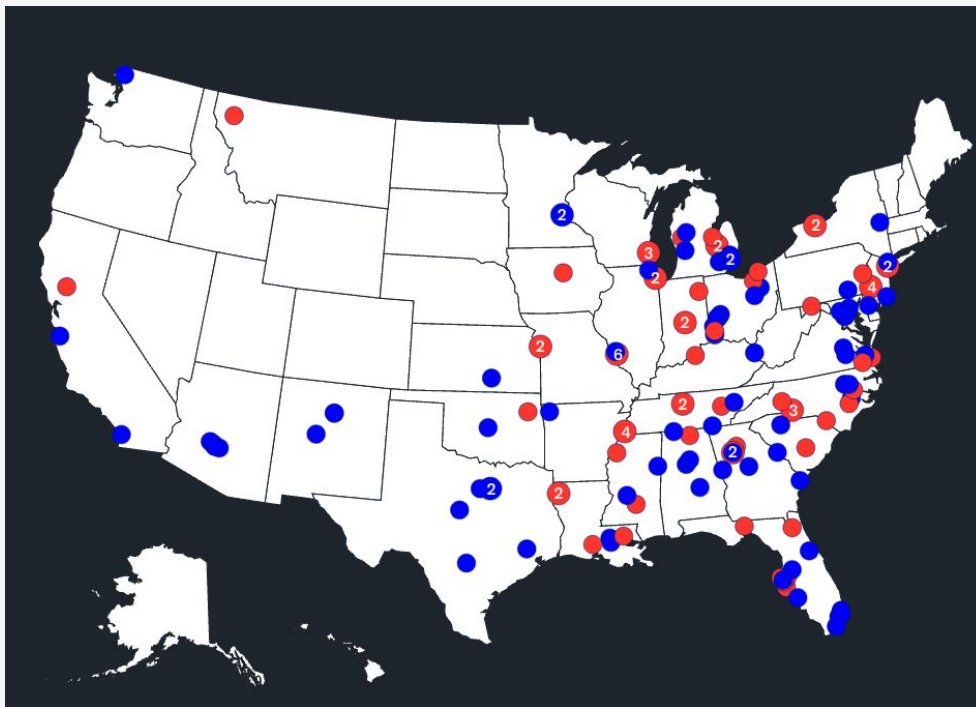


Movement Towards a Culture of Safety

In Arizona, for example, pool owners must adhere to safety regulations regarding barriers and gates to prevent access. There are no safety regulations for gun owners in Arizona.



Unintentional Shootings by Children



Storage as a Proven Solution

Gun Deaths Among Children: The Gap Between the National Leaders and National Failures is Growing



Secure Storage Legislation

Statewide Storage Laws

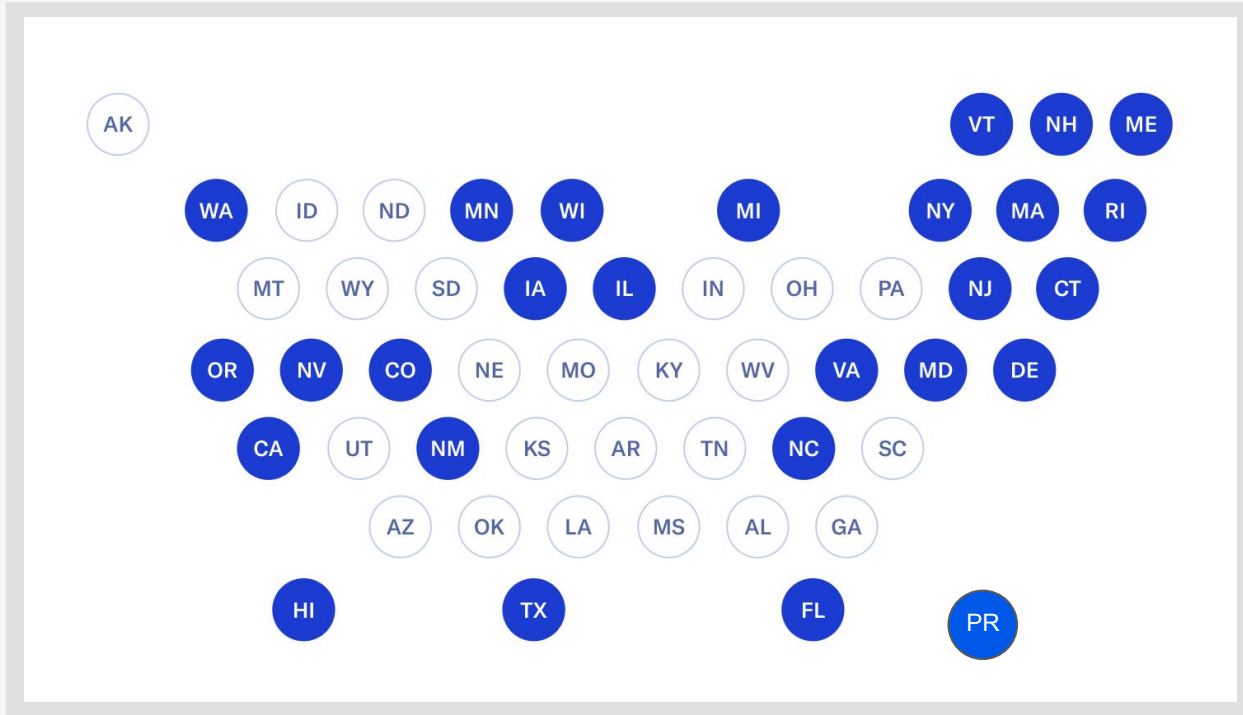
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Child Access Prevention
(CAP) Laws

Secure Storage in Cars



Which states/territories have child-access and/or secure storage laws?



Full Locking Laws

The primary objective is to **prevent unauthorized access**, and not merely punish it.

Rates of unintentional shootings by children were **78 percent lower** in states requiring secure storage when the gun is not in the owner's possession.



Child-Access Prevention (CAP) Laws

CAP laws penalize gun owners either if a **child or a prohibited person** is likely to access it, or only after a child gains access to a firearm

Rates of unintentional shootings by children were **39 percent lower** in states with laws that apply when a child is likely to access a gun and **34 percent lower** in states with laws that apply when a child actually accesses an unsecured gun



Secure Storage in Vehicle Laws

Laws that require guns to be securely stored and not visible **when left unattended in cars.**

Cars parked at residences are the #1 source of stolen guns. A gun is stolen from a car every 9 minutes.

CITIES WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF GUNS STOLEN FROM CARS IN 2022

City	Rate per 100,000 people
1. Memphis, TN	351
2. Atlanta, GA	337
3. St. Louis, MO	288
4. Richmond, VA	218
5. San Antonio, TX	209

Source: Everytown Research analysis of [FBI NIBRS](#) data, 2022.

Incentivization, Education & Local Options

Public Awareness + Incentivization

Storage public education campaigns have been run in many states, including North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas.

Public awareness on **“giving the keys”** as suicide prevention

Louisiana and Tennessee have passed legislation providing **tax incentives** for gun safes or other storage devices



Out-of-Home Storage

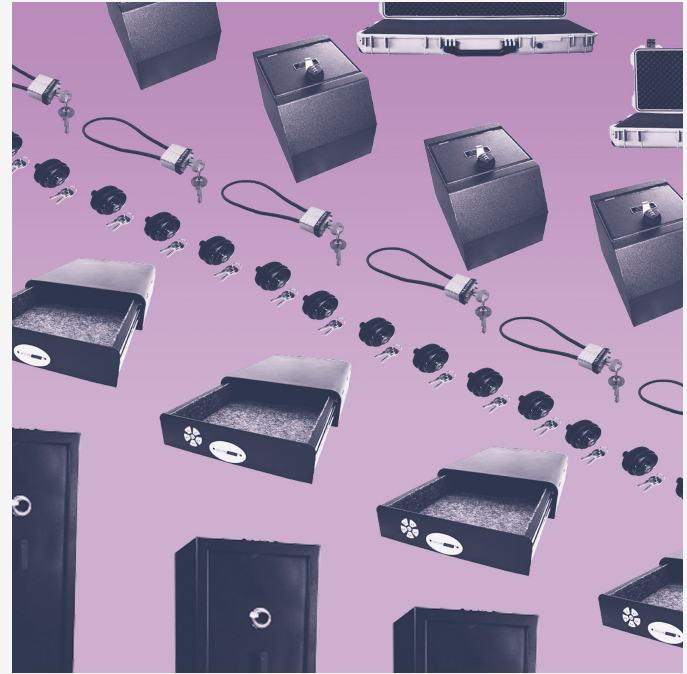
- Normalize voluntary and temporary storage of firearms outside the home - at an FFL, law enforcement department, or a trusted family member
- Create & share gun storage maps - **Colorado, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, and Washington**



Notification Programs

California, New York and Washington require K-12 schools to share secure storage information with parents each year; **Utah** requires it when a child exhibits warning signs or suicidal ideation.

Georgia's Storage Study Commission



Local Ordinances and Secure Storage Resolutions

Local governments can strengthen secure firearm storage laws beyond state law where not preempted.

School Boards across the nation have adopted secure storage resolutions.

Students have often led the way on these advocacy efforts.



BE SMART

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Secure

All guns in your
home and vehicle

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Model

Responsible
behavior

A

Ask

Unsecured guns
in other homes

R

Recognize

The role of guns in
suicide

T

Tell

Your peers to
Be SMART

Be SMART

Moms Demand Action volunteers across the country advocate for the Be SMART program in their communities.

Be SMART has partnered with national, state, and local educational organizations, medical associations, departments of health, law enforcement agencies, and public safety coalitions.



**There's so much we can
do to work together to
keep our families and
communities safe and
promote responsible
gun ownership.**



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