

**We all share a role in the safety of our children and community.
Safe storage of firearms protect everyone in the home.**



TIPS: SAFE FIREARM STORAGE

- Store firearms unloaded and locked. Use a gun safe, gun lock box, a trigger lock or a chamber lock.
- Store and lock ammunition in a separate place
- If your locking device has a key, keep it with you or in a safe place that unauthorized users cannot access
- Remove firearms from your home if you have a depressed or suicidal family member or frequent visitor
- Ask family and friends to use these safe storage steps

TIPS: FOR PARENTS

- Before you send your child to someone's house, **ASK** "If you have firearms in your home, are they stored unloaded and locked?"
- Ask about firearms along with other things you discuss such as seatbelt use, allergies and animals
- Ask if the ammunition is stored separately
- If you have doubts about the safety of someone else's home, invite the children to play at your home instead
- Talk with your children about the risk of firearm injury in places they may visit or play – if they find a firearm they should leave it alone and immediately tell an adult
- Work through groups – introduce the ASK concept through your child's preschool, childcare, or PTA

EXAMPLES: PHRASES TO USE

"I don't mean any disrespect, but knowing how curious my child can be, I feel I have to ask this question — If you have firearms in your home, are they stored unloaded and locked?"

"I hope you don't mind me asking if you have a firearm in your home and if it is properly stored."

If you know someone has firearms in their home: "This is awkward for me and I mean no disrespect. I am concerned my child will find one of the firearms in your home when we visit. Do you keep them locked up with the ammunition stored separately?"