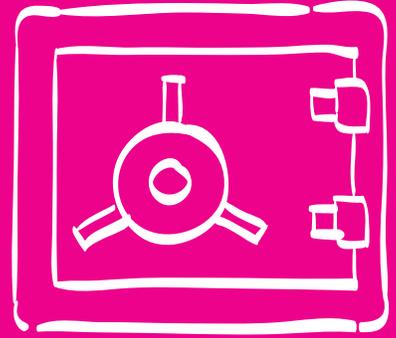


DOERNBECHER SAFETY CENTER

# Firearm Safety

Storing firearms safely can prevent unintentional access by a child or teen.



- Young kids are curious and impulsive and should never have access to an unsecured firearm.
- EVERY firearm should be stored locked using a firearm safe, lock box, trigger lock, or cable lock.
- Ideally, all firearms should be stored unloaded with ammunition in a separate locked location.
- Teens or adults experiencing behavioral health issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, depression and anxiety can be at risk for suicide or self-harm. Having access to a firearm significantly increases their risk of serious injury or death.
- Many firearm retailers and law enforcement agencies offer temporary safe storage of firearms for homes where there may be a family member experiencing behavioral health issues or who are at risk of suicide.
- It's ALWAYS okay to ask family and friends about their firearm storage habits and practices. Parents should ask if firearms are in the home where your children visit or play.
- Talk to your children about firearms. Discuss the seriousness of not touching a firearm and the importance of telling an adult if they find one.
- Contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, available 24 hours 1-800-273-8255 if you have a love one struggling with thoughts of suicide.

The Doernbecher Safety Center has firearm lock boxes and trigger locks available for purchase and cable locks available at no cost.

Contact 503-418-5666 for more information on how to keep children safe around firearms.



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