



Gun Safety Starts with Safe Storage

Safe Storage Saves Lives



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Spread the Word!

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This toolkit includes...

-  Shareable social media graphics
-  Pre-written social media posts
-  Resources to explore
-  Data from world-class researchers
-  Policy recommendations
-  Talking points
-  Handouts

Share life-saving information with your friends, families, & neighbors about the importance of safe gun storage.



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Whether you own guns or not, gun safety starts with safe storage.

The **best way** to store your firearm is locked and unloaded separate from ammunition. That means firearms are in a locked safe with the magazine or ammunition locked up separately.



Store firearms unloaded & locked

Store & lock ammunition separately from firearms



Ensure the key and/or combination is inaccessible to unauthorized people

Temporarily remove firearms from your home



The **best place** for your firearm is in a safe or lockbox, attached to a wall or the floor. Children, teens, and anyone else who should not have access, should not know the combination to the safe or where the lockbox key is.



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How to Talk to Other Parents About Practicing Safe Storage

A Parent's Guide to Safe Storage



Asking about firearm storage may feel awkward at first, but it's just as important as other safety topics we're used to talking about, like food allergies and pets.

Thanks so much for inviting Sam over tomorrow! Reminder that she's allergic to peanuts, I can send a snack if that's easier?

Happy to host! Up to you, we have lots of peanut-free snacks. :)

While we're talking safety - do you have any guns in the house? If so, can you tell me how they're stored? Thanks!

We do have one. It's in a locked safe and it's not loaded. And we store the ammo separately.

Ok great, thank you!



Social Media Toolkit

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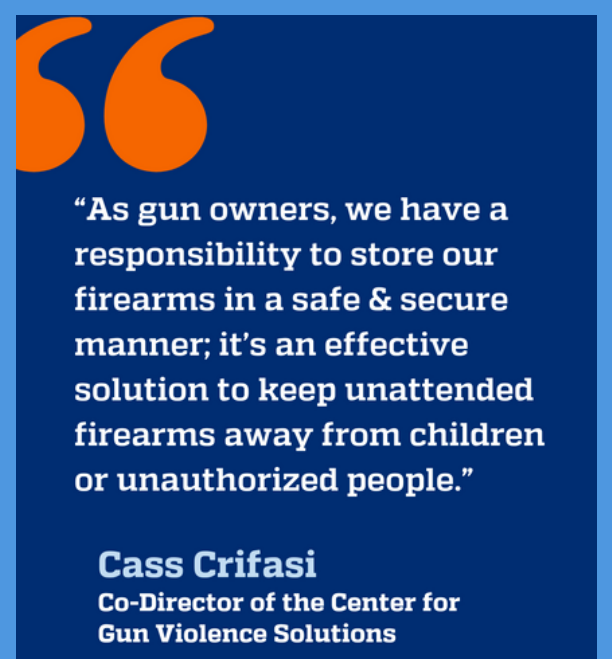
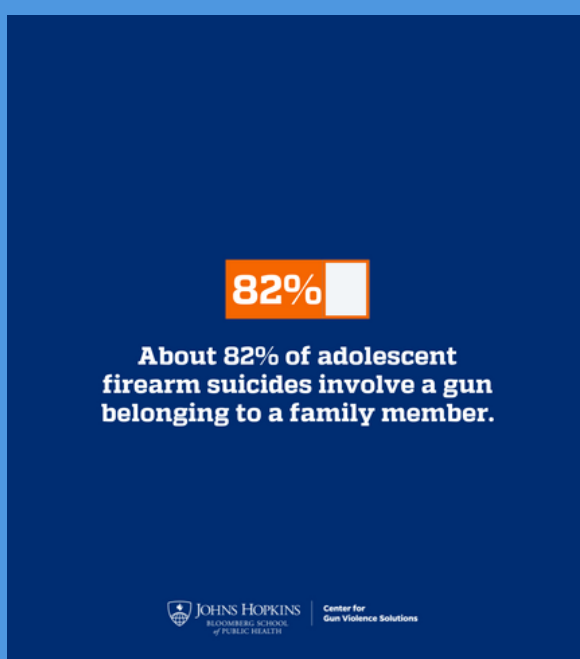
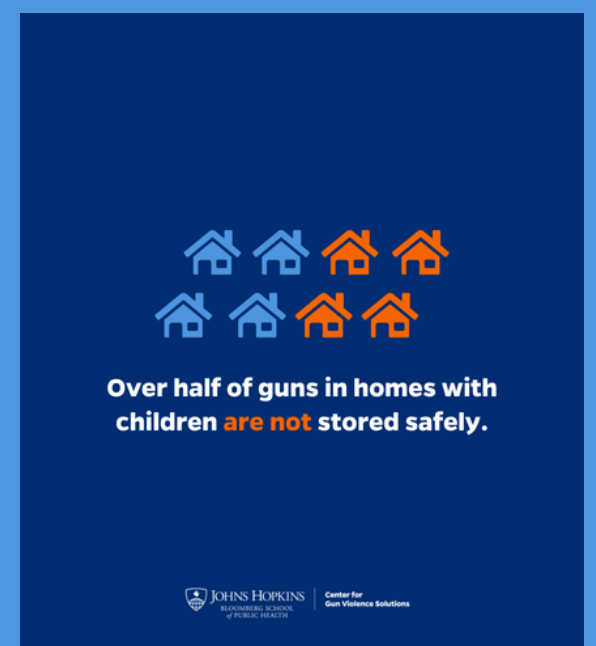
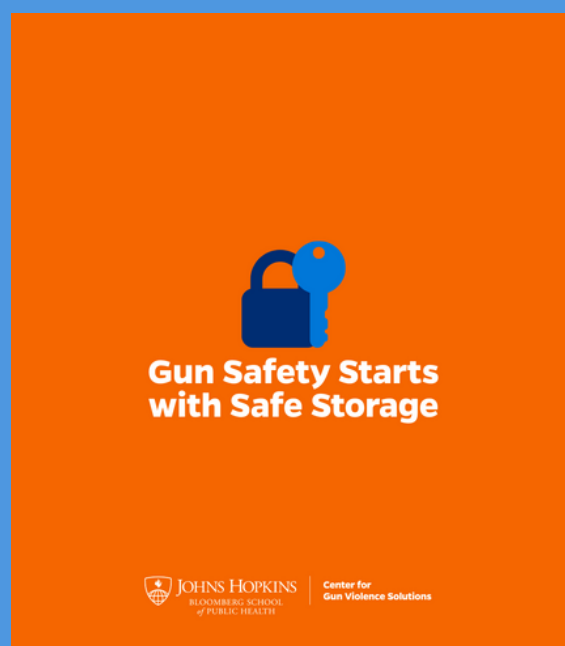
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Sample Social Media Posts

Safe storage saves lives.

Safe and secure firearm storage prevents suicide, homicide, unintentional injuries, and theft. That's why everyone has a part to play in safe storage. Spread the word:
<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/safe-storage-saves-lives>

Right now, millions of children across the country are near loaded guns in their homes.

A national survey shows most gun owners do not store firearms safely. That includes more than half of gun owners with children in the home. Safe storage saves lives. Learn more here:
<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/safe-storage-saves-lives>

Gun safety starts with safe storage. An estimated 82% of adolescent firearm suicides involve a gun belonging to a family member. Putting time and space between people and firearms saves lives. Learn more here: <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/safe-storage-saves-lives>

According to the @Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions national survey of gun policies, more than 60% of gun owners supported laws requiring gun owners to lock up their firearms in their home when not being used. Republicans, Independents, and Democrats agree. These policies not only save lives but they're popular. Learn more: <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/safe-storage-saves-lives>

More than half of all U.S. gun owners store firearms unlocked. Responsible gun ownership is not only about how, where, and when a person uses their firearm; it's also about how they store it when not in use. Learn more here: <https://publichealth.jhu.edu/center-for-gun-violence-solutions/safe-storage-saves-lives>

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Best Ways to Store Your Guns

Cassandra Crifasi, PhD, MPH, Co-Executive Director



A Doctor's Perspective on the Importance of Safe Storage

Katherine Hoops, MD, JD, MPH, Director of Clinical Programs & Practice



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Come Across Guns.”**



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**“We Grew Up
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