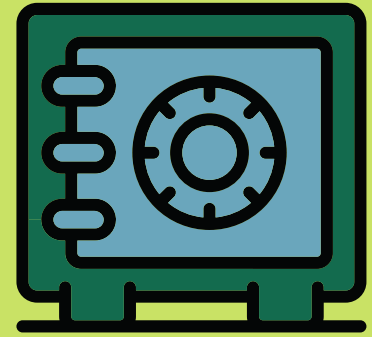


SAFE FIREARM STORAGE



Gun violence is an epidemic.

2021 was the
most violent year this century
in North Carolina.*

1,839 people died by guns in 2021.*
That's **1 gun death** every **5 hours**.

*Source: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2023.

WHY IS SAFE STORAGE IMPORTANT?

 **2 in 5** North Carolinians own
a firearm.*

 **1 in 3** NC parents own a
firearm.**

 Over **1 in 4** of those parents'
firearms are unsecured.***

Sources:

*NC State Center for Health Statistics (NC SCHS). 2021 BRFSS Survey Results: North Carolina Firearm Safety: Gun Ownership. **NC SCHS. Do you have any guns in or around your home? 2016-2017 NC CHAMP Survey Results. ***NC State Center for Health Statistics. Are any of the guns in or around your home ever kept unlocked? 2016-2017 NC Statewide CHAMP Survey Results.

Gun deaths are a crisis for NC kids:

- The gun death rate among NC kids & teens **more than doubled** from 2019 to 2021.
- Among NC youth, **50%** of suicides & **80%** of homicides in 2021 involved a firearm.*

*Source: NC DHHS. Keeping Families and Communities Safe: Public Health Approaches to Reduce Violence and Firearm Misuse Leading to Injury and Death. 2022 Nov.

Safe storage at
home can **prevent**
up to **32%** of youth
gun deaths from
suicide & accidents.

Source: Monuteaux et al. Association of increased safe household firearm storage with firearm suicide and unintentional death among US youths. JAMA Pediatrics. 2019.

*Safe storage keeps
kids & teens
from using a firearm
to harm themselves
or someone else.*

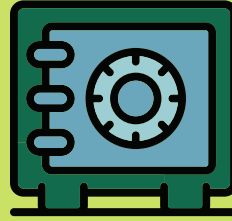
If you or someone you
know is struggling or in
crisis, call or text **988**.

988
SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE

HOW DO I SAFELY STORE MY FIREARM?

- **UNLOADED**
- **LOCKED:**
 - in **gun safe**,
 - in a **lockbox**,
 - or with a **gun lock**
- **SEPARATE** from ammo (which should also be **LOCKED** and stored in a separate place)

Gun Safe



Lockbox



Gun lock



Ammo separate & locked



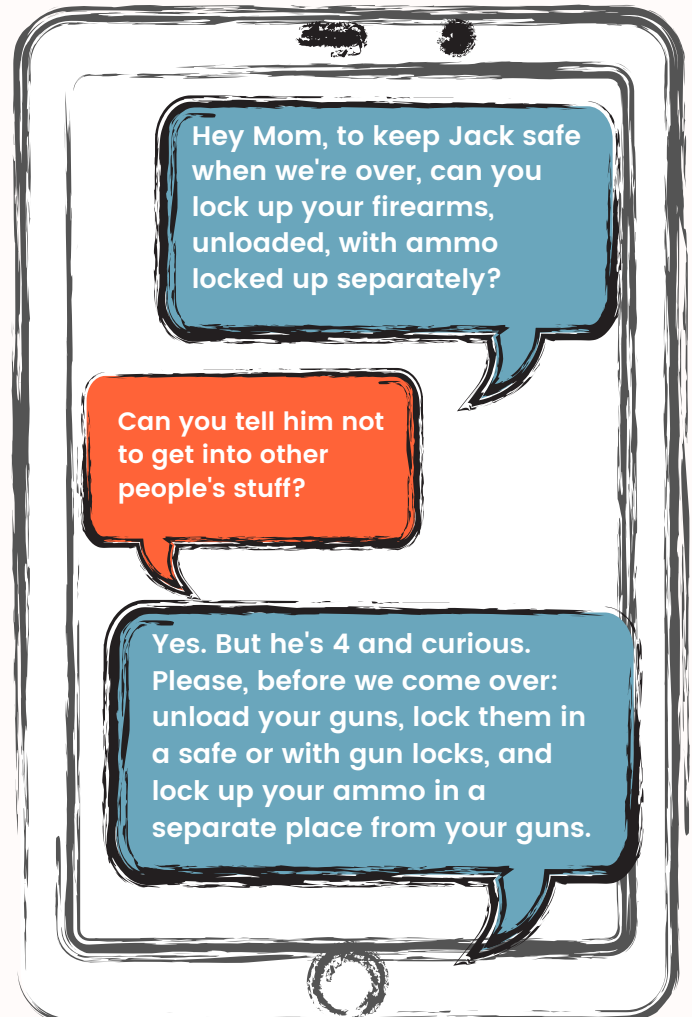
Stolen weapons often end up used in violent crimes.



Safe firearm storage keeps your community safer.

HOW DO I TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT STORING GUNS SAFELY?

A short conversation can save a loved one's life.



Car break-ins are a **MAJOR** source of firearm theft.

Over 1000 were reported stolen in Charlotte alone in 2022.*

Don't store guns in your car.

If you do: use a **lock box** stored in your **trunk**, and **lock** your car.

*Clegg W. Thousands of guns are stolen from unlocked cars as violent crime in Charlotte rises. WBTV. 17 Apr 2023.