

Firearm Resources and Safety:

Free Gun Locks and Safety Kits:

You can get free gun locks and safety kits from the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Project Child Safe and Region Ten:

<https://projectchildsafe.org/>

<https://regionten.org/doyourpart/>

What Is the Safest Way to Store a Gun?

If you have a gun at home, be sure to:

- Keep the gun **unloaded and locked up** in a cabinet, safe, gun vault, or storage case.
- Lock the bullets in a place separate from the gun.
- Hide the keys to the locked storage.

What Should Kids Understand About Guns?

Be sure to talk to your kids about guns, even if you do not have guns in your home. Kids need to know that guns are very dangerous.

- Make sure that your child or teen understands that it is never OK to handle a gun without a responsible adult supervising.
- Teach your child or teen to assume a gun is loaded and **never** to point a gun at someone.
- Set a good example with your own safe gun handling practices.

Teach yours to follow these rules if they see a gun:

1. Stop what they're doing.
2. Do not touch the gun, even if it looks like a toy.
3. Leave the area where the gun is.
4. Tell an adult right away.

Taken from: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/gun-safety.html>

Keep the “safe” in firearm safety

Hiding a gun is not enough! Kids are curious, and studies show they usually know where a family keeps a gun.

Gun safes can lower the risk a curious child will be hurt:



Safe or lockbox
for handguns



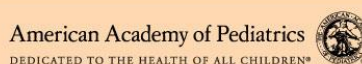
Locked gun
safe for rifles



Gun trigger locks—
inexpensive and effective



Lock box
for ammo



Taken from: <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Handguns-in-the-Home.aspx>

Virginia Hunting Laws and Regulations:

All first time hunters ages 12 through 15 years old must complete hunter education certification in order to hunt in Virginia.

Shooting Education Classes for Youth:

Virginia Coop Extension: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/nree/shooting.html>

American Legion: <https://www.legion.org/shooting/about>

DWR Virginia: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/hunting/education/>