

# Safe and Secure:

## A Parent's Guide to Firearm Storage



Take these simple steps to protect children and communities.

North Carolina, we have an urgent problem: Firearms are now the leading cause of injury-related death for children and youth in the state.

### If you own a firearm, make sure you are taking these steps to help prevent a tragedy:

- ✓ Secure all firearms when they are not in use. You have many options for keeping your gun secure, including a gun safe, gun case, cable lock, and trigger lock.
- ✓ If you choose to keep a firearm in your vehicle, make sure that your car is locked **and** that your gun is secured with a lock or lockbox and stored out of sight. This keeps the firearm in the right hands – yours – and protects against theft.
- ✓ Consider discussing safe storage practices and child safety with friends and family members, particularly if you are planning a get-together involving children.
- ✓ Spread the word. Talk with others in your community, such as school administrators and extracurricular group leaders, about resources they can share with other parents to keep kids safe.

We all can make North Carolina a safer place for children.



For more information and resources, including our safety checklist, scan the QR code or visit

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