



## About Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence

We believe all Marylanders have a right to live free from gun violence. We pursue this goal through policy development, effective advocacy at the community and legislative levels, and empowerment through strategic education. Supporting community-led implementation of programs is a core value.

Using policies based on evidence and accurate statistics, our work addresses all forms of gun violence, including community violence, domestic violence, suicide, unintentional shootings, and mass shootings. MPGKV is leading the way forward. We invite you to join us in the fight for freedom from gun violence.

# Preventing Shootings at Home

Every day **8** kids are unintentionally killed or injured with an improperly stored gun.

[www.mdpgv.org](http://www.mdpgv.org)

## Resources

*National Suicide Prevention Lifeline*

**988** SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

*What to do with a gun you no longer want*

Firearms can be safely disposed of through gun surrender and gun buyback programs. Call your local police non-emergency number to find out what is available in your area.

Consider storing your gun away from your home in a safe storage location. For more information see: [mdpgv.org/safestoragemap](http://mdpgv.org/safestoragemap).



## Contact Us

Questions, ideas, want to support?  
Reach out to us.

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# Youth and Guns

the facts

**4.6 million**

children live in homes with unlocked, loaded firearms.

**75%**

of children report knowing where firearms are stored in their homes.

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cause of death for children in Maryland and the United States? Guns.

## Maryland Law

Under Maryland law, a person "may not store or leave a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor has access to the firearm."

## Steps for Safe Storage

- 1.** Choose a safe or a locking device that is most appropriate for your firearm, household, and needs.
- 2.** Before putting your gun in the safe or applying the locking device, make sure it is unloaded.
- 3.** If you use a locking device, store the locked firearm in a location that is inaccessible to under 18s and other unauthorized users.
- 4.** Store ammunition separate from the gun in another locked box.
- 5.** Lock the safe or other device.
- 6.** Repeat with every gun, every time.



## Safe Storage

It saves lives.

Children often have access to firearms, even when parents and guardians believe the guns are inaccessible.

Storing guns locked and unloaded in the home is associated with an decreased risk of suicide, homicide, and unintentional injury.

