

# How do I know about places where my children visit or about visitors to my home?



It will feel awkward at first. Use your own words, but ask relatives, neighbors, friends, babysitters, home-service technicians, and managers of schools or daycares:

**?** *Do you carry a gun?*

**?** *Is there a gun here?*

**?** *How is the gun stored?*

# No matter who owns the firearm, safer storage can make the difference between life and death.



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# Are we doing all we can to keep children, teens, and vulnerable adults safe from firearm injuries?



## Questions to ask your pediatric team:

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# Are my children at risk for firearm injury?

Nationwide, firearms are the **#1**

leading cause of death in Black children and youth;

And firearms are the **#2**

leading cause of death in ALL children and youth.

- Safe storage of firearms and stronger laws reduce deaths from homicides, suicides and unintentional injuries.



We can do so much better. Concerned parents in all communities save lives.

# What is the law in Maryland?

Loaded firearms must be stored securely where children 15 years of age and under cannot have unsupervised access.



The American Academy of Pediatrics has information about safe storage laws at: [www.aap.org/stateadvocacy](http://www.aap.org/stateadvocacy)

Name Your son or daughter

Address \_\_\_\_\_



The safest method is to store guns away from the home.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:  
1-800-273-8255

National Domestic Violence Hotline:  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

American Academy of Pediatrics



MD \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# What kind of gun storage system is best?

## SAFEST

(Recommended by pediatricians)

- Store gun unloaded and locked in a safe.
- Lock ammunition separately.

Gun Safes:

Price \$100+



Store in a gun safe.



Store unloaded.



Store ammunition locked away from gun.

Illustration by Chris Philpot

Source: Consumer Reports, [CR.org/gunstorage](http://CR.org/gunstorage)

## SAFER

(Acceptable under Maryland law)

- Store loaded gun in a lock box or safe.
- Store unloaded gun with a trigger or cable lock.

Lock Boxes:

\$20-200

Trigger Locks:

Under \$30

Cable Locks:

Under \$20 or may be free from local law enforcement departments.



A. Rapid-Access Biometric Gun Safe

B. Trigger Lock

C. Portable Lock Box

D. Project ChildSafe Cable Lock