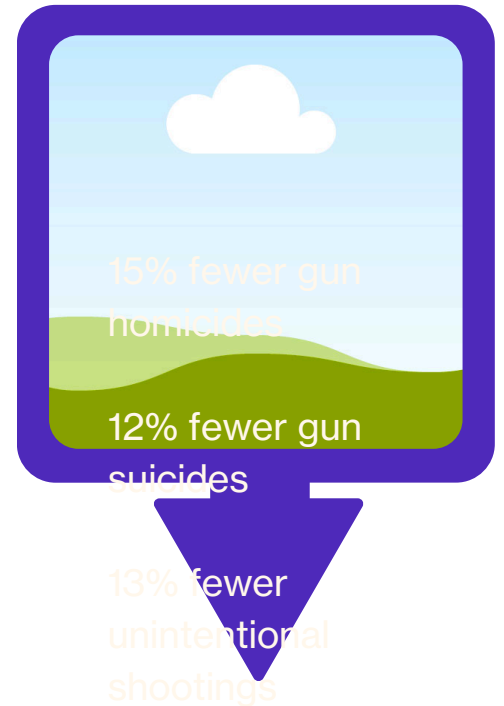


HALF OF GUN OWNERS HAVE UNSECURED GUNS: **SAFE STORAGE SAVES LIVES.**

In the Pittsburgh suburbs, a six-year-old shot and killed his five-year-old brother after finding a loaded and unlocked gun in their parent's bedroom. Days later, a four-year-old shot and killed himself with an unsecured gun.

These are preventable catastrophes that started with an unsecured firearm. More than half of gun-owners keep at least one firearm unlocked and loaded. When gun owners fail to safely store their firearms, they are accessible to kids, teens, and other people who shouldn't have access to a gun. Large numbers of unsecured firearms are stolen from gun owners each year, thousands of which are used in crimes. Gun owners have an obligation in a civilized society to lock up a firearm, but Pennsylvania law does not require them to do so.

Changing that could prevent unintentional shootings, school shootings, and suicides.



WHAT IS SECURE STORAGE?

Secure storage laws require gun owners to keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them, either by locking them in a safe or by storing them with a trigger lock when not under their control. This ensures that children cannot access the firearm and helps prevent stolen weapons, which are often trafficked underground.

PREVENTING CHILD ACCESS

Firearms are the leading cause of death for American children. The American Academy of Pediatrics supports safe storage requirements because it saves lives. Kids and teens who die by suicide, unintentionally shoot themselves or others, and commit school shootings overwhelmingly get the gun from home or from the homes of relatives or friends.

STOLEN GUNS

Guns left unsecured and unattended are often stolen during home burglaries and by visitors to the home. Most stolen guns are illegally resold and used in crimes including murder, kidnapping, and armed robbery.



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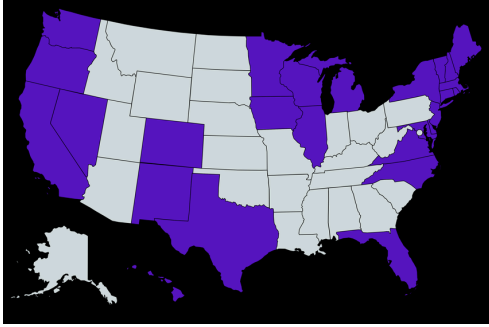
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THE DATA IS CLEAR: **UNSECURED GUNS ARE DANGEROUS**

Unsecured guns are used by children to unintentionally shoot themselves, their friends, and their siblings. They are used by teens to take their own lives. They are stolen during home burglaries. They are taken by teens to commit school shootings. The simple act of securing unattended guns can prevent these horrible and preventable events.

SAVING LIVES

The proposed legislation would help ensure gun owners act responsibly by requiring them to secure their firearms if a child could access it. Many gun owners already do this, but not all of them. And that's why safe storage laws are necessary to save lives.



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children in the US live in a home with an unsecured, loaded firearm



80%

of school shooters under age 18 access the firearm from their home or that of relatives or friends



82%

of adolescent firearm suicides involve a gun belonging to a family member



380,000

guns are stolen annually in the United States, with unsecured guns being an easy target



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