

# Safe Storage Saves Lives

The Campaign to Keep Kids Safe (CKKS) was established by the Newtown Action Alliance Foundation and the Ethan Miller Song Foundation as an educational program for parents, educators & healthcare professionals to reduce unintentional shootings among children and childhood gun suicides and homicides in America; to provide gun safes to gun owners; & promote community gun buyback opportunities.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) advises that the safest homes for our children are ones without guns. Research shows the most effective way to prevent unintentional gun injuries, suicides and homicides to children and adolescents is the absence of guns in our homes and communities. Studies also show having a firearm in our home doubles our risk of homicide and triples our risk of suicide.

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## Statistics

- Firearms are now the leading cause of death for American children and teens (0-19) in the United States.
- Each day in America, five children are killed by guns and another 17 are shot and injured.
- Eight children a day are injured or killed by unsecured guns.
- According to the U.S. Secret Service, 76% of school shooters acquired their guns from the home of a parent or another close relative.
- In 2015, one in three U.S. households with children had firearms with nearly 14,000 children and teens treated for nonfatal firearm injuries; and 2,800 died by gunfire. Of these deaths, 782 could be attributed to the presence of unlocked guns.
- According to a recent study published in JAMA Pediatrics, 6% to 32% of youth firearm deaths (by suicide and unintentional firearm injury) could be prevented if all household firearms are stored locked.
- 73% of children under the age of 10 living in homes with firearms reported knowing the location of their parents' firearms. 36% of those children reported handling their parents' unsecured firearms.
- The presence of unsecured firearms in the home increases the risk of unintentional and intentional shootings. Over 75% of firearms used in youth suicide attempts and unintentional firearm injuries were stored in the residence of the victim, a relative, or a friend.

## Ethan Song's Story

On January 31, 2018, Kristin and Mike Song's beautiful boy, Ethan, walked out of his home and towards his death in Guilford, Connecticut. He walked to his neighbor's house to visit his best friend. Their neighbor's father had three unsecured guns and ammunition in a shoe box. The boys started handling the guns and Ethan was shot in the head. He had zero chance of survival. That morning he had gotten his braces off, another milestone. He turned 15 years old on January 19, 2018 - he had his whole life ahead of him.

More than a third of all unintentional shootings of children take place in the homes of their friends, neighbors, or relatives. Please always ask your friend and family to lock up their guns & ammunition in their homes when your children are visiting.

## Lock It Up

Keep your guns locked up unloaded & separate from the ammunition. Ensure your children & teens cannot access the keys or combinations to the locks, lock boxes or gun safes. Also, do not keep your unlocked & loaded guns in your cars.



An estimated **5,400,000 minors** in the United States live in homes with at least one unsecured firearm.

## Gun Safes

Technology has advanced and biometric gun safes are readily available, safe and easy to use. Please contact us at [info@newtownaction.org](mailto:info@newtownaction.org) to inquire about a free gun safe.

## Gun Buybacks

Gun-free homes are the safest homes for children and teens. Please contact your local police department to encourage them to hold a community gun buyback day so that gun owners can safely remove their guns from their homes.

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