

# Be part of the solution.

## Take a **FREE** **GUN LOCK**



**CHKD's gun violence prevention initiative is encouraging firearm safety by offering free gun locks to our community.**

Hundreds of children in the US every year gain access to firearms and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else, according to research by Everytown for Gun Safety, a leading non-profit organization focusing on gun violence prevention. In 2022, there were 301 unintentional shootings by children, resulting in 133 deaths and 180 injuries nationally, Everytown data showed.



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# Prevent Tragic Accidents

In October 2022, the American Academy of Pediatrics released an updated policy stating firearms are now the leading cause of death in children under the age of 24 in the US.



**Keeping guns and  
ammunition inaccessible  
reduces risk of injury by 78%.**

## **Lock and Store Unloaded Firearms and Ammo Separately.**

Ammunition and firearms should both be securely locked away and stored separately. Even a young child can find an unlocked gun in the home, and by age 3, many are strong enough to load the firearm and pull the trigger. Keep firearms unloaded when stored to reduce injury and mortality.