



HOW **TO** TALK **TO** OTHER PARENTS ABOUT **GUNS** IN THE HOME

Let's **normalize** conversations that can keep our loved ones safe.

Planning a playdate?

Asking about firearm storage may feel awkward at first, but it's just as important as other safety topics we're used to talking about, like allergies and pets.

Keeping guns unloaded and locked up prevents unauthorized users—including children—from accessing and then being injured by firearms.

SAFE & SECURE GUN STORAGE REDUCES INJURY

1 in 3 children in the U.S. lives in a home with a gun.

55% of gun owners with children in the home do not practice safe firearm storage.

~82% of adolescent firearm suicides involve a gun belonging to a family member.

Thanks so much for inviting Sam over tomorrow! Reminder that she's allergic to peanuts, I can send a snack if that's easier?

Happy to host! Up to you, we have lots of peanut-free snacks. :)

While we're talking safety - do you have any guns in the house? If so, can you tell me how they're stored? Thanks!

We do have one. It's in a locked safe and it's not loaded. And we store the ammo separately.

Ok great, thank you!



HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT QUESTIONS **YOU** CAN ASK:

- Do you have any guns in your home?
- How are they stored? Are they unloaded and locked up in a gun safe or lock box?
- Is ammunition stored separately?
- Are they stored in an area where kids don't have general access?
- What are your rules for accessing guns without supervision?



IF YOU DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE BASED **ON** THEIR ANSWERS,

- Offer to host the playdate at your house instead.
- Suggest a destination for the get-together, like a park or the movies.
- Remember that it's ok to postpone or cancel.

