

## Prevent suicide among Ohio adolescents



**Store it Safe**, a campaign of the Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, is a unique partnership of healthcare providers, firearm safety experts, and community organizations working to keep children and teens safe from intentional and unintentional gun deaths.

### How to help keep your child/teen safe

- In Ohio, the number of children killed by guns has been on an upward trend for the past 6 years.
- Nationally, 1 out of 3 homes with children/teens has a gun; of those 43% contain at least 1 unlocked firearm.
- Reducing access to lethal means, such as firearms and medications, can determine whether a person at risk for suicide lives or dies.
- The presence of a firearm increases the risk of suicide, this includes home of family friends and relatives that your children visit.

### Do a SAFETY CHECK of your house

- Check your house for guns and ammunition. If you find any, it's best to remove them from the house, but you can also lock them in a secure vault. Lock up ammunition separately. Ask guests to lock up any guns and medications.
- Remove or lock up all alcohol, drugs, and medications.
- Dispose of guns you no longer want in a safe way. Consult with your local police department to learn how to dispose of guns safely.
- Additional resources can be found at [akronchildrens.org/StoreitSafe](http://akronchildrens.org/StoreitSafe) and <http://ohioaap.org/firearmsafety>

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