

GUNS ARE NOW THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR KIDS.

13 KIDS DIE FROM GUNS EVERY DAY.

But there is a way you can protect your child. Ask your family and friends if there's an unlocked gun in the house. It can save a life and it doesn't kill to ask.



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HOW TO START ASKING

SAY MY DOCTOR ASKED

"Our pediatrician mentioned that guns are the leading cause of death for kids now and urged us to ask friends if there are any unlocked guns in the house."

SAY A FRIEND ASKED

"The other day we were asked if we had any unlocked guns in the house. We don't, but it's a smart question to ask. Are there any unlocked guns here?"

INCLUDE IT ON YOUR SAFETY LIST

"Any pets? Have a pool?" When dropping off your kids, have a list of safety questions and include one about unlocked guns.

SAY YOU SAW IT ON TV OR SOCIAL MEDIA

"I just saw a news segment encouraging parents to ask family and friends if they have firearms and, if so, that they are stored safely. We have a gun, but it's locked up and out of sight. Do you have any?"

NORMALIZE THE CONVERSATION

The more we all ask about gun safety, the easier it will become to talk about.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the *Doesn't Kill to Ask* campaign, including helpful resources like:

- What to Do If Someone Has an Unlocked Gun at Home
- Shedding the Stigma of Gun Safety Conversations
- Helping Kids Cope with Gun Violence
- How to Safety Store Your Guns

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