

THE SCHOOL LETTER CAMPAIGN FOR SECURE GUN STORAGE

Provide this template letter to school principals, administrators, or superintendents to customize or use as a practical model for parent and guardian notifications about secure firearm storage.

TEMPLATE

Letter to Parents/Guardians

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Providing students and staff in the [INSERT SCHOOL DISTRICT] with a safe educational environment is a top priority and a responsibility we all share. To that end, we must ensure our students are safe from firearm-related injuries and deaths, which often result from unsecured firearms at their home or the homes of classmates.

Unsecured firearms in the home can lead to unintentional shootings, suicide, or other tragedies. Every day, eight children and teens are injured or killed due to family fire, or a shooting that results from someone misusing an unsecured firearm from the home. According to an FBI study, 76 percent of school shooters obtained their firearms from the home of a parent or close relative.

We all want to prevent tragedies like these, and the evidence is clear: we can both protect our homes and ensure children are safe by practicing secure firearm storage and encouraging others to do the same. That means storing guns locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition, ensuring they're inaccessible to youth and any unauthorized users. Secure storage helps protect not only our own families, but also the entire school community.

From cable locks to gun safes, there are many affordable secure storage options that provide quick access without compromising safety.

As a reminder, [INSERT STATE] has the following child access prevention law(s) or legislation relating to the secure storage of firearms: [INSERT DETAILS ON STATE LEGISLATION, IF APPLICABLE].

Families can find customized guidance on safe storage options and newly updated resources at endfamilyfire.org.
Sincerely,

[INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL LEADER]

