

THE SCHOOL LETTER CAMPAIGN FOR SECURE GUN STORAGE

Customize this template letter for school principals, administrators, or superintendents to initiate meaningful dialogue and formally request that information on secure firearm storage be shared with parents and guardians.

TEMPLATE

Letter to School Principals or Superintendents

Dear Principals or Superintendents,

Firearm-related injuries are the number one cause of death for children and teens in the United States. We know all too well how these tragedies impact our schools and communities. We write to offer our support to help provide the students and staff of [INSERT SCHOOL OR DISTRICT] with a safe educational environment. A key way to do this is by educating parents and guardians about the risks associated with child access to unsecured firearms.

More than half of U.S. gun owners do not store all guns securely and 4.6 million children in America live in homes with an unlocked gun as a result. Tragically, every day, eight kids are unintentionally injured or killed due to family fire, or someone misusing an unsecured firearm from the home.

We can protect students by encouraging those in our community to practice secure firearm storage, which means storing firearms locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition. Locking all household firearms is proven to significantly reduce firearm injuries and fatalities among children, including firearm suicide and unintentional shootings.

Studies show that keeping students away from guns in the home is a critical intervention to reduce harm and can even reduce school shootings. In fact, 76 percent of school shooters used firearms from the home of a parent or close relative.

We are providing you with a template letter we hope you will customize and disseminate to parents and guardians about the dangers of unsecured guns in the home. Families can find customized guidance on secure storage options and resources at endfamilyfire.org.

As concerned families, students, teachers, and community members, we are dedicated to preventing firearm tragedies. We are grateful for your consideration and would appreciate a chance to meet with you about this effort.

Sincerely,
[Concerned Citizens]

