



FACT SHEET

Project ChildSafe® is a nationwide educational program that promotes the safe storage of firearms in the home. The program raises awareness about firearms safety by distributing gun locks and educational materials to gun owners.

For years, Project ChildSafe® was a component of “Project Safe Neighborhoods,” a federal gun violence-prevention initiative, and was supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Justice with additional funding from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF®). In 2015, NSSF® was awarded a \$2.4 million grant by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance. The funds from this cooperative agreement have gone toward reaching more people about the importance of firearms safety, as well as providing free safety kits, including a gun lock, in Project ChildSafe® Communities throughout the country, to encourage responsible firearms storage and help reduce firearms accidents, theft and misuse.

ABOUT PROJECT CHILDSAFE®

- The goal of Project ChildSafe® is to help gun owners take proper steps to securely store their firearms when not in use in order to keep firearms out of the wrong hands.
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- Project ChildSafe® provides responsible gun owners with the tools and information they need to securely store their guns away from unauthorized persons, including children, at-risk individuals and criminals.
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- Project ChildSafe® has partnered with 15,000 law enforcement agencies in communities across the country.
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- Project ChildSafe® has more than 9,000 supporters, and works cooperatively with state fish and wildlife agencies across the U.S. to promote safe firearms handling and storage.
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- Since 2003, more than 38 million firearm safety kits (including a cable-style gun locking device, lock-installment instructions and a safety booklet) have been distributed free of charge to gun owners through partnerships with law enforcement in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.
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- Every day, NSSF® receives 5-10 new requests for hundreds of firearm safety kits from law enforcement agencies.
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- Between 2006 and 2015 firearms accidents dropped by nearly 24 percent and now constitute less than 1 percent of all fatal accidents nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Safety Council.
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- In 2017, a U.S. Government Accountability Office report concluded that providing free locking devices positively influenced behavior to store firearms more safely, and a National Safety Council report showed unintentional firearms deaths have dropped to their lowest level since record-keeping began.
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Gun owners who wish to receive a free safety kit should contact a participating law enforcement agency in their area. Project ChildSafe® distribution partners can be found at projectchildsafe.org/safety/find-a-safety-kit.
