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Firearm Safety & Storage

A campaign educating youth about mental health, firearm safety and storage - created and taught by gun owners.

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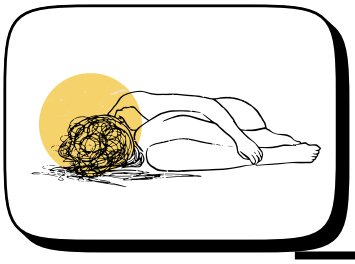
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LIFE SIDE KIDS KNOW WHAT TO DO IF THEY FIND A FIREARM!



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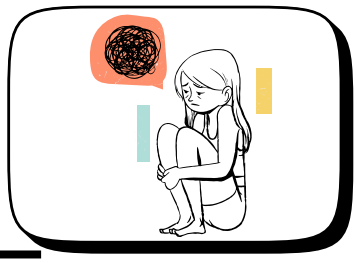
DO YOU EVER FEEL THIS WAY?



I FEEL SAD A LOT AND CAN'T CONTROL MY FEELINGS



I TALK ABOUT FEELING HOPELESS OR WORTHLESS



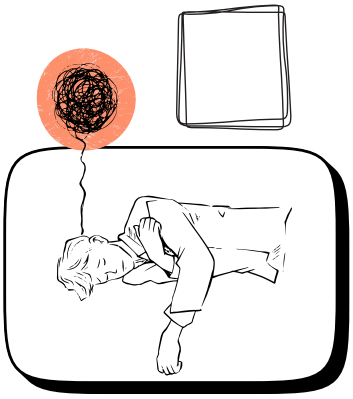
I FEEL ANXIOUS A LOT



I FEEL LIKE I'M BULLED A LOT



I'VE BEEN WITHDRAWING FROM MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY



I HAVE TRIED TO HARM MYSELF IN THE PAST

You can check these boxes if and when it feels comfortable for you. Share your answers with a trusted adult.

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WARNING SIGNS

- DEPRESSION AND OTHER MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS, OR A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
- TALKING ABOUT FEELING HOPELESS OR WORTHLESS
- PREVIOUS SUICIDE ATTEMPT(S)
- WITHDRAWING OR ISOLATING FROM FRIENDS, PEERS AND FAMILY
- FAMILY HISTORY OF SUICIDE, MENTAL ILLNESS, OR DEPRESSION
- KNOWING SOMEONE WITH SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR
(FOR EXAMPLE, A FAMILY MEMBER,
FRIEND OR CELEBRITY)
- SEVERE STRESS OR ANXIETY
- SUDDEN CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR SUCH AS TALKING LESS OR BECOMING DISENGAGED
- BULLYING

My child...

...Is an honor roll student
...Is in the school band
...Doesn't make friends easily
...Is a talented athlete
...Is busy all the time
...Has a lot of friends
...Runs with the popular crowd
...Spends a lot of time alone
...Has a small, close group of friends
...Is leader of a school club
...Struggles with grades

Should I talk to my child about mental health and suicide?

YES!

Every parent should be having honest and open discussions with their teen no matter the circumstances. Depression and suicide may be hard to recognize, which is why an open dialogue is key.

Have frequent conversations with your teen on this topic even if your teen seems disinterested. Incorporating them into your normal routine, such as during family dinners, is an easy way to do so.
You can make a difference.

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CABLE LOCK
Price Range: $10–$50

A cable lock can be used on most firearms, allows for quick acess in an emergency and offers security from theft. The cable runs through the barrel or action of a firearm to prevent it from being accidentally fired, requiring either a key or combination to unlock it.

- AFFORDABLE
- ACCESSIBLE
- THEFT DETERRENT



GUN CASE
Price Range: $10–$150

For those looking to conceal, protect or legally transport a registered firearm, a gun case is an affordable solution available in a variety of materials including plastic, fabric or metal. Be sure to lock it with an external device for added security.

- AFFORDABLE
- PORTABLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



LOCK BOX
Price Range: $25–$350

With integrated locks, storage boxes provide reliable protection for firearms, and allow gun owners to legally transport them outside of their home.

- PORTABLE
- ACCESSIBLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



ELECTRONIC LOCK BOX
Price Range: $50–$350

Electronic lock boxes are an effective way to store or legally transport firearms, and they also prevent theft since only the person with the code can access the contents. Some electronic lock boxes are specially designed for quick access to stored firearms.

- PORTABLE
- THEFT DETERRENT
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



FULL SIZE AND BIOMETRIC GUN SAFES
Price Range: $200–$2,500

A gun safe protects its contents from the elements and allows owners to safely store multiple firearms in one place. Gun safes of all sizes are now available with biometric options to ensure only certain people have access.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE

VEHICLE STORAGE



CONSOLE STORAGE
Price Range: $250 - $300

A solution for those who need a truly secure place to store their firearm in a vehicle. These custom-fitted devices provide concealment to deter prying eyes and would-be thieves. Various access options are available, including biometric.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- ACCESSIBLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE



CARGO AREA STORAGE
Price Range: $500 - $1,500

Effective for transporting firearms to the range or field, cargo area storage models are available for sedans, SUVs and trucks. These devices allow for locked storage, concealment and protection from bumps and jostling.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- ACCESSIBLE
- PROTECTS FROM DAMAGE

SECURE STORAGE ACCESSORIES



WIRELESS GUN SAFE MONITOR
Price Range: $150 - $200

An electronic monitor can provide awareness and alert you if anyone is accessing your storage device or handling your firearm without your authorization. Some sound an audible alarm, others can be connected to your smartphone.

- THEFT DETERRENT
- REMOTE MONITORING



ELECTRONIC HOLSTERS
Price Range: $200 - $300

Electronic holsters are a new type of secure storage device that enable fast access along with security to prevent unauthorized access. Holsters can be mounted or used independent of a mounting system and feature a programmable finger or thumbprint scan.

- PORTABLE
- ACCESSIBLE
- THEFT DETERRENT

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FACTS

SUICIDE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR YOUNG OHIOANS AGES 10 - 14

SUICIDE IN TEENS CAN BE TRIGGERED BY A SEEMINGLY SMALL STRESSOR AND HAPPEN QUICKLY

1 IN 5 TEENS ARE DEPRESSED

RISKS

90% OF SUICIDE ATTEMPTS WITH A FIREARM ARE FATAL

NEARLY 2/3 OF ALL US FIREARM DEATHS ARE DUE TO SUICIDE

THE RATE OF FIREARM SUICIDE BY TEENS IS UP 61% OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

ACTION STEPS

CONVERSATION

SECURE FIREARMS

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

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HEY ADULTS,

WE LEARNED A LOT OF IMPORTANT THINGS. HERE'S A SUMMARY SO WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER.

(MAYBE WHILE WE BOTH EAT A COOKIE?)

Hi adults,
Your child took part in K.I.D.S. today. They learned about the importance of firearm safety and storage.

Whether your child has mental health concerns or not, youth should not have unsupervised access to any lethal means. This includes firearms, prescription medication, and over-the-counter medicine.

Your child has several handouts to share with you to talk about their current feelings as well as different ways to store a firearm safely.

Got more questions?
Curious to learn more?

Visit us at LifeSideOhio.org

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K.I.D.S. SAFETY PLEDGE

I HEREBY PROMISE:

- I WILL NOT HANDLE GUNS WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM A GROWN-UP THAT I KNOW.
- I WILL NEVER PLAY WITH GUNS.
- I WILL NOT GO LOOKING FOR OR ALLOW MY FRIENDS TO GO FIND GUNS IN ANY HOUSE.
- IF I FIND A GUN, EVEN IF IT LOOKS LIKE A TOY, I WILL NOT TOUCH IT; I WILL TELL A GROWN-UP.
- I WILL OBEY THE RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING.

MY SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CHILD SAFETY AND RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP VISIT LIFESIDEOHIO.ORG