

Welcome!



Child Fatality Review Conference

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Be SMART is a program developed by Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund to bring together parents and all adults concerned about kids, guns and safety.

[BeSMARTforkids.org](https://www.BeSMARTforkids.org)



- ① We all want kids to grow up happy and healthy.
- ② We each have the right to make responsible decisions about how to protect our homes, families, and communities—including whether or not to have a gun in our home.
- ③ If we can prevent even one child gun death or injury, it's our responsibility to do so.

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988, or chatting on
<http://988lifeline.org>

Trevor Project

*The LGBTQIA+ Youth Suicide
Prevention Line*

Trevor Lifeline

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Text "Home" to 741-741

From anywhere in the United States,
anytime, about any type of crisis



**Firearms are the LEADING
CAUSE of death for CHILDREN
in the US.**



In incidents of gunfire on school grounds, up to 76% of shooters under the age of 18 obtained the gun(s) they used from their home or the home of relatives or friends.

An American Problem

Local 4 News Detroit

Sheriff: Oxford High School shooter used 9 mm pistol recently purchased by father

Teen accused of shooting, killing 3 students, injuring 8 other people

6 Action News Philadelphia

Officials: 3-year-old shot after being left alone in car with gun in Caln Township

Newsweek

Loaded Gun Brought to Elementary School by 7-Year-Old Days After Uvalde:

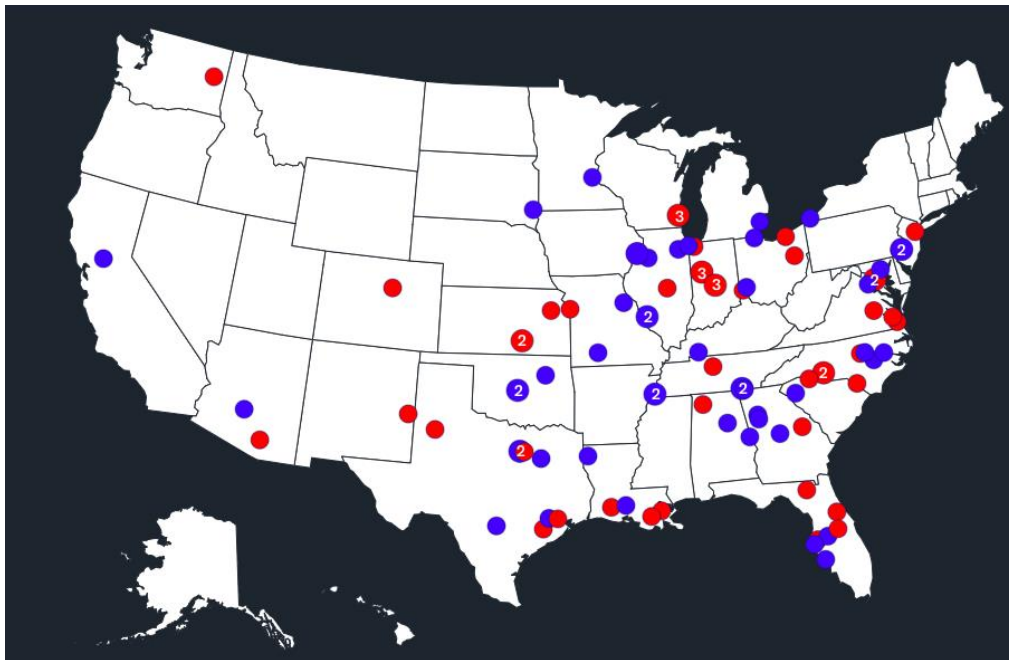
An investigation is underway at a Columbia, South Carolina, elementary school after a loaded handgun was found in the backpack of a 7-year-old student.

ABC, Inc., KTRK-TV Houston

Two teenage boys are in the hospital after being shot in what investigators believe to be a murder-suicide attempt in the Spring area.

#NotAnAccident Index

In 2023 there were at least **96 unintentional shootings by children**, resulting in **40 deaths** and **58 injuries** nationally.





AMERICAN KIDS ARE

11X MORE LIKELY

TO DIE FROM GUN VIOLENCE THAN CHILDREN
IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

A Tennessee Problem

News Channel 5

Lee Victory Park, Smyrna, TN - 8/15/22

Smyrna Police Department officials confirmed that Monday night a 5-year-old boy died after a shooting at Lee Victory Park, and that he found the firearm within a backpack belonging to his parent.

WRGN

Memphis, TN – 3/2/23

A 2-year-old boy unintentionally shot and wounded himself in a home. A 22-year-old man had left the loaded firearm unsecured between couch cushions, where the child was able to gain access to it.

Chattanooga Free Times Press

Chattanooga, TN – 2/11/23

Police were told the 13-year-old boy's 2-year-old brother accidentally shot him after finding a gun in the home, a news release states.

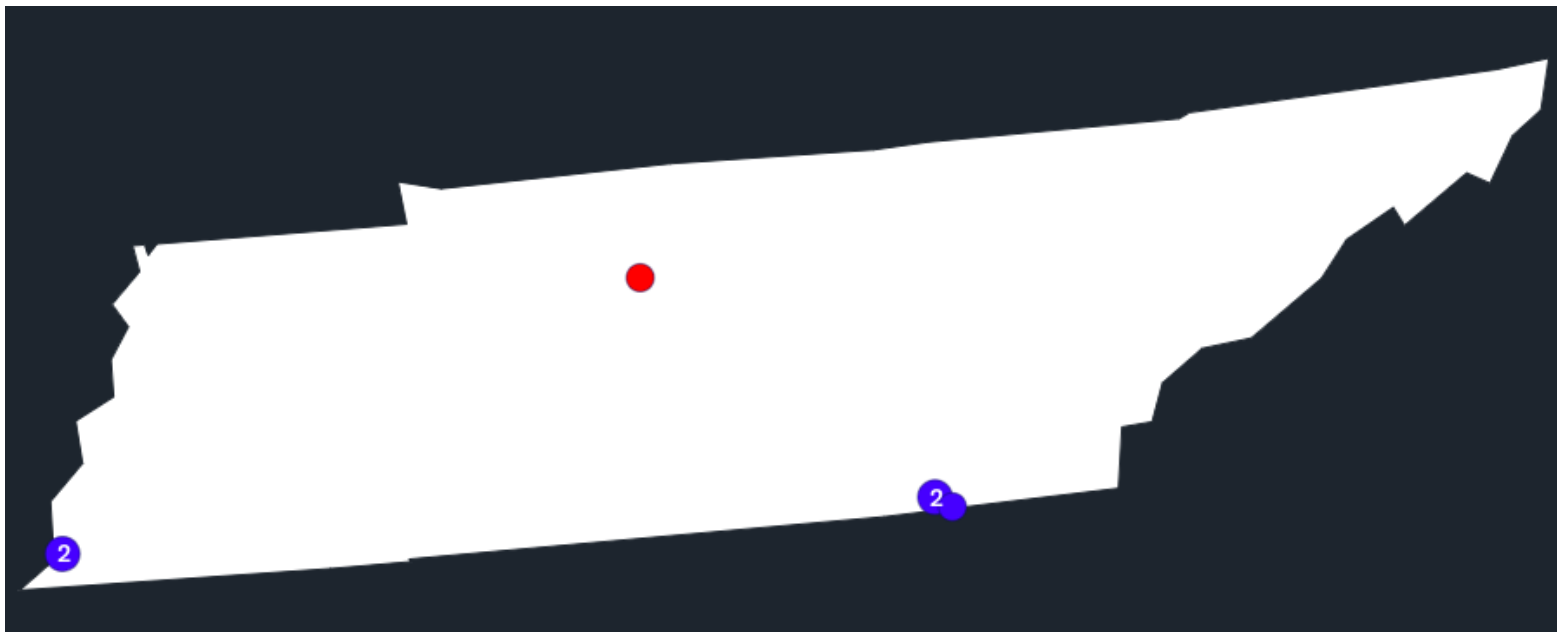
Channel 2 News

Nashville, TN – 2/26/23

A 4-year-old child unintentionally shot and killed themselves in a home. It is not yet known who the firearm belongs to or how the child gained access to it.

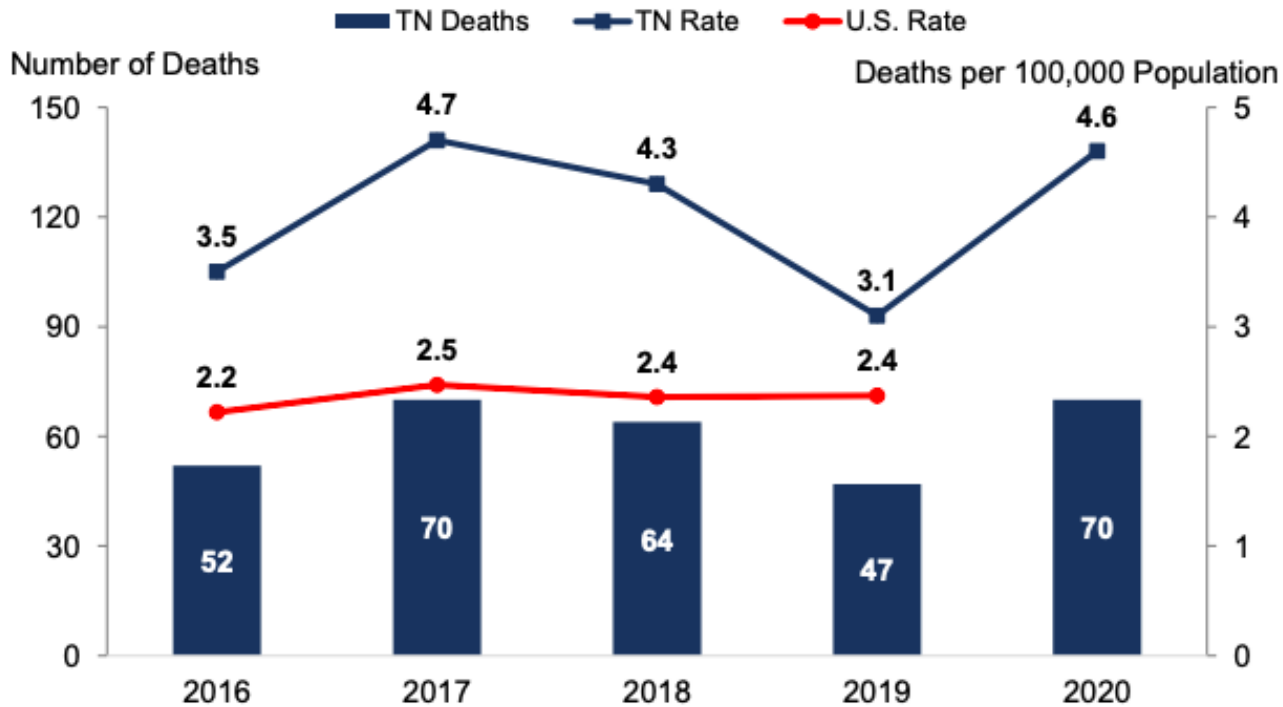
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In 2023 there were at least **6 unintentional shootings by children**, resulting in **1 death** and **5 injuries** in Tennessee.



**Figure 19. Firearm-Related Deaths and Rates per 100,000 Children Ages 0-17 Years
Tennessee, 2016-2020**

Data source: Tennessee Department of Health, Child Fatality Review Database System and population estimates based on interpolated data from the U.S. Census's Annual



Estimates of the Resident Population.

SECURE STORAGE MATTERS

- Association between child access prevention (CAP) laws and injuries and deaths from unintentional child shootings¹
- Association between CAP laws and youth suicides²
- Awareness campaigns to promote public health have been extremely effective in changing behaviors related to a variety of major issues, including smoking, wearing seat belts, and impaired driving

1. Everytown, [#NotAnAccident Index](#), 2015 to 2020, US Census Bureau 2019 population data, and Everytown legal analysis, 2021.
2. Webster D.W., Vernick J.S., Zeoli A.M., & Manganello J. A. “Association between youth-focused firearm laws and youth suicides”. JAMA. (2004). <https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.292.5.594>

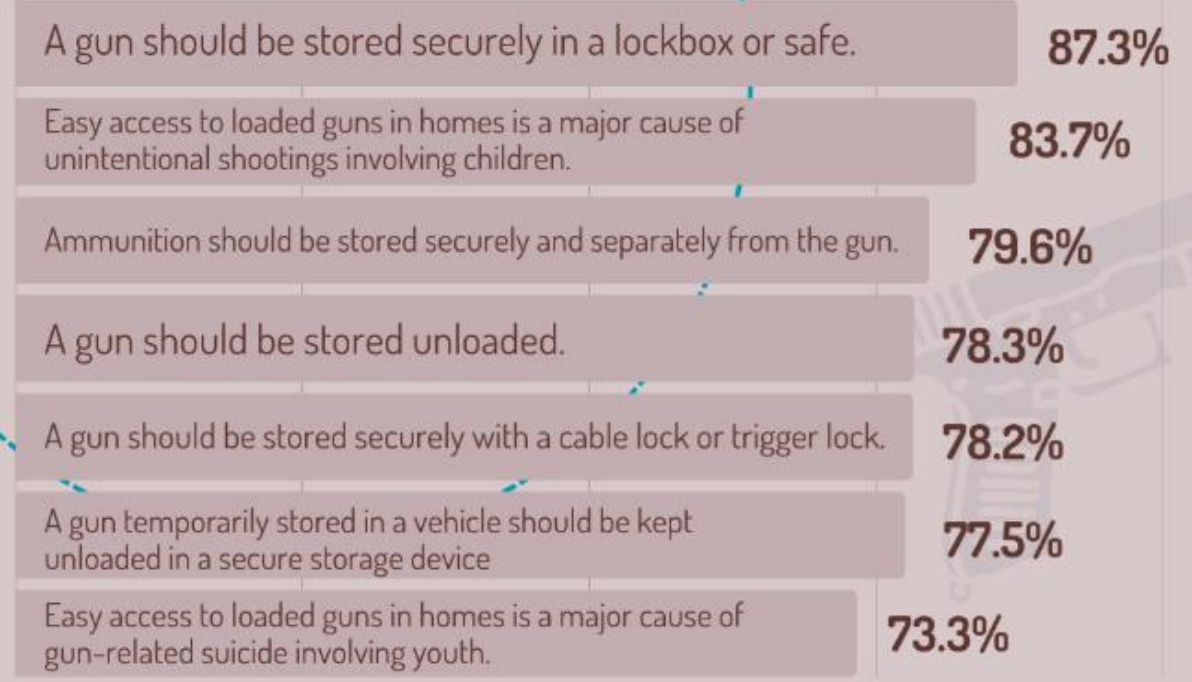
Vanderbilt Tennessee Child Health Poll



Firearm Safety

49%
of TN Parents
are firearm owners

of these, the majority agree that...



VANDERBILT
Center for
Child Health Policy

Parents were polled in the Fall of 2022. For more information, including poll timeline & methods, visit www.childpolicy.org/poll

Thank you to the TN Parent Leadership Collaborative, part of Nurture the Next, for their contributions to the poll. Supported in part by the Boedecker Foundation.

PEDIATRICS

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Firearm-Related Injuries and Deaths in Children and Youth: Injury Prevention and Harm Reduction

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BE SMART

S

Secure

All guns in your home and vehicle

M

Model

Responsible behavior

A

Ask

Unsecured guns in other homes

R

Recognize

The role of guns in suicide

T

Tell

Your peers to Be SMART



Secure guns in homes and vehicles

- 13 million households with children contain at least one gun
- One study found that the majority of children in gun-owning households knew where the gun was stored
- Store guns locked up and inaccessible to kids
- Hiding a gun is not “securing” a gun



Full-Size Gun Safe

Storage of multiple guns in one place.
Biometric lock more secure than key
or passcode.

\$200-\$2,000

- Prevents access by children
- Prevents access by unauthorized users
- Prevents theft (if secured to a structure in home)
- Enables fast access



Lock Box/Locker

Smaller and lighter than safe.
Biometric lock more secure than key
or passcode.

\$25-\$350

- Prevents access by children
- Prevents access by unauthorized users
- Provides secure vehicle storage
- Enables fast access



Console/Vehicle Gun Safe

For storage in a vehicle. Biometric lock
more secure than key or passcode.

\$50-\$350

- Prevents access by children
- Prevents access by unauthorized users
- Prevents theft (if secured to a structure in car)
- Provides secure vehicle storage
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Gun Case

For home or in-transit storage of one firearm. Uses external lock

\$10-\$150

Prevents access by children
Prevents access by unauthorized users
Enables fast access



Trigger Lock

Locks trigger of single weapon. Never use with loaded gun. May be dismantled with minimal tools and skills, so not as effective with older children and teens.

\$10-\$75

Prevents use by small children
Enables fast access



Cable Lock

Cable runs through action of single weapon to prevent firing. Ammunition must be removed for lock use. May be dismantled with minimal tools and skills, so not as effective with older children and teens.

\$0 -\$50

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Enables fast access
*Often provided free with firearm purchase.



Model Responsible Behavior

- It is always an adult's responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to guns, not a curious child's responsibility to avoid guns
- Make it a part of the normal safety conversation you have with your children
- Keep the language simple; for example: "If you see a gun, don't touch it. Tell an adult right away."



A

Ask About Unsecured Guns in Other Homes

- Make it a part of your general safety conversation you have when sending your child to any home
- Try email or text
- 4.6 million U.S. children live in a household with at least one loaded, unlocked gun

his own I need to practice what I preach and ask if you guys lock up any guns that you might own to keep them out of curious hands. We actually own one (our kids aren't aware of it) but it's just one that my husband used to use at the range so he keeps it unloaded, disassembled and in a fingerprint safe. I'm trying to help normalize this conversation in the interest of kids' safety!

Tue, Jan 3 at 12:29 PM

is excited too!

Yes. We do have guns that are locked up in a safe in our barn. actually has his own that he's been learning to shoot with my dad. We nicknamed my husband the safety patrol. He is over the top about all things safety including guns. All our guns are not loaded and locked up. Love that you asked. I agree it's an important conversation to have!

I will connect back with you when [REDACTED] gets home from school today and firm up a time. I am sure he would love to come over and hang out.

Quick question....happy to talk on the phone if you prefer. We ask this of all families before our kids go to their houses....does your family either 1) not own guns or 2) own them and they are stored in locked safes that only the parents have access to? I don't need to know which answer applies, just to know that there are no unsecured firearms in the home. Doing what I do for work, I probably know too much about the risks. But once you know you can't unknow. Thanks for understanding!

I sincerely appreciate the question. We are not a gun family.

Thanks for the quick reply. I have been pleasantly surprised that most people are pretty open to answering that question, including letting me know if they do own guns and how they are secured. Looking forward for meeting you and [REDACTED]

If I already asked you this question, my apologies. I ask everyone now and made the mistake of deleting old texts (which is a mistake with a 42 year old brain).

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Hey, no apologies at all!! We also take gun safety very seriously in our home. We do not have any unsecured guns in our home. All but my 8 year old have taken the hunter safety course in our house. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Thanks for understanding! Secured guns are great....the teen suicide by guns and unintentional shootings are a major issue in this country....and those don't happen when guns are secured. I grew up in moose hunting country and the combo of secured guns and hunter safety training is awesome.

Alanna, I forget what you do for a living. Can you remind me? My hurt breaks for all the kids have to hear and deal with these days. Wished I could make life easy and let them just be kids.

I'm a clinical psychologist and in my volunteer life I'm the state lead for Be SMART



The first step to saving kids' lives could be in your living room

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R

Recognize the Role of Guns in Suicide

- Most people who attempt suicide do not die—unless they use a gun
- 90% of suicide attempts with a gun result in death—a much higher fatality rate than any other means of self harm
- This contributes to the fact that 41 percent of child suicides involve a gun

A survey of High School students found that 20% had seriously considered attempting suicide within the last year.

And one study showed that 41% of adolescents in gun-owning households report having “easy-access” to the guns in their home.

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Tell Everyone You Know to Be SMART

- Your voice, and all voices are critical. How will you commit to Be SMART today?
- Consider at least THREE people that you want to share the Be SMART message with right now
- Share Be SMART within your community
- Text SMART to 64433 to learn more

Be SMART Partnerships in Tennessee

Medical

- Endorsed by Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (TNAAP), co-branded materials available
- Active partnerships with Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, ETSU Medical School, and LeBonheur
- Working on partnerships with Erlanger Children's, Regional One, East TN Children's and Nashville General
- Several pediatric practices using Be SMART materials

Schools


- Metro Nashville and Williamson County Schools have approved Be SMART materials and presentation for use in the schools
- Lebanon Special School District just sent home Be SMART materials in every student's backpack
- Several private schools and preschools are sharing Be SMART materials

Public Safety

- Car seat technicians at Brentwood and Franklin Fire Dept are sharing the Be SMART message and materials at car seat checks
- Williamson County Sheriff's Office providing Be SMART materials with free cable locks
- National Partnership with NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement)

Other

- Presented BeSMART to Metro Nashville Child Death Review Board, TN Trauma Care Advisory Council, and TN Injury Prevention Coalition
- Upcoming partnership with statewide Evidence Based Home Visiting (EBHV) program



Hey Mike. On my way to drop off Junior. Thank you so much for the last minute help.

You got it! See you soon.

BTW, I know you have a gun. Is it locked at home? It freaks me out that the kids might find it.

Of course I have it in a gun safe! Don't worry!

I figured. Thanks!

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Gun violence is the leading cause of death for kids in the US

It's a shocking fact, but there are more. Every year, **700 kids** die by suicide with a gun. And nearly **350 children** shoot themselves, or someone else, unintentionally. **76%** of the guns used by children in school shootings were from a **parent's or relative's home**. Almost **25% of them** are taken from their vehicles.

More than **500,000 guns** are stolen every year. In 2020, more than half of gun thefts were from cars.

Statistics from everytownresearch.org



Secure storage prevents tragedies

The best way to be sure your kids can't access firearms in your household is to store them securely. **There are plenty of options for all budgets—from a full-size gun safe to a cable lock, and additional options for secure storage in vehicles.**



Talking about secure firearms protects your loved ones wherever they are

You want your kids safe from guns everywhere they go, including other homes. **Ask other adults if their firearms are secure, and talk to your friends and family about the importance of secure storage.**

Visit besmartforkids.org to learn more and to get you and your community involved.

About Be SMART

Be SMART is a national program dedicated to protecting kids by raising awareness about the importance of secure gun storage. Here's how to Be SMART and protect your family:

S

Secure all guns in your home and vehicles

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Keeping your firearms secure saves lives.


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El almacenamiento seguro de armas de fuego protege a su familia

La violencia con armas de fuego es la principal causa de muerte en niños de los EE. UU. La mejor manera de asegurarse de que sus hijos no puedan acceder a las armas de fuego es guardarlas de manera segura.

Aquí le mostramos cómo seguir el programa Be SMART y proteger a su familia:

S

Sea consciente y mantenga sus armas de fuego bajo llave en su casa y en los vehículos.

M

Muestre un comportamiento modelo responsable respecto de las armas de fuego.

A

Asegúrese de verificar si hay armas de fuego que no estén bajo llave en otros hogares y vehículos.

R

Reconozca el riesgo del suicidio por armas de fuego.

T

Tenga conversaciones con sus amigos y vecinos sobre este tema.

Mantener sus armas de fuego bajo llave salva vidas.


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Important information for parents and caregivers

The Be SMART framework is designed to help parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions that can prevent child gun deaths and injuries.

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Bro.

Junior just told me that he found your gun the other day.

Nah.

It's hidden.

Is it in the shoe box on the second shelf of your closet?

Next to the old console?

🤔

You gotta lock that up, man.

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Hey, how's Jayden?
He seems really down lately.

I'm worried about him...

He just comes home and shuts himself in his room.

He won't talk to me.

I'll talk to him.

Thanks so much. He always listens to you.

Hey, I spoke with Jayden.
He mentioned your firearm.

Do you have it locked up?

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OMG

A kid in Jerome's class got caught with a gun in his backpack.

Oh no. Is everyone OKAY?

Yes, thankfully everyone is safe. He's in a lot of trouble though.

The kid took it from his grandma's nightstand.

She kept it in her nightstand???

This is why everyone should lock up their guns.

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RECOGNIZE the role of guns in suicide

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Be SMART in the Clinic

MUSC doctors will ask questions about guns in the home with new safety campaign



BY MARY KATHERINE WILDEMAN MKWILDEMAN@POSTANDCOURIER.COM

JUL 2, 2018



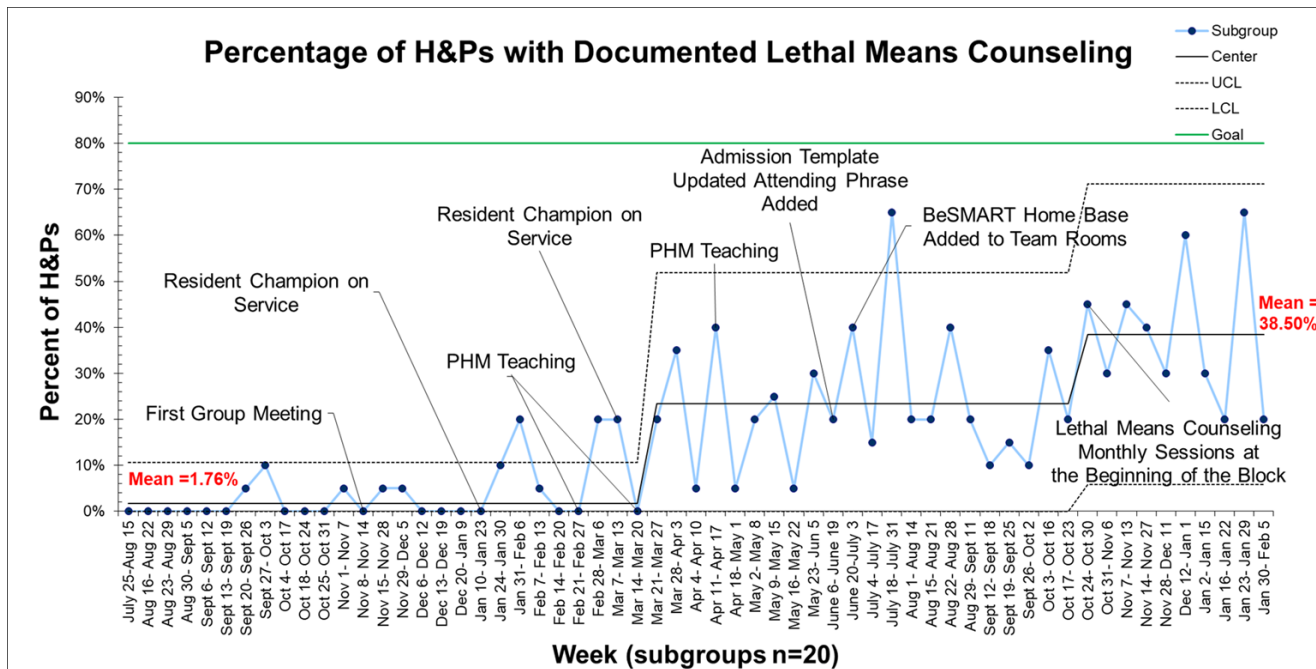
MUSC physician Annie Andrews started an effort to encourage fellow pediatricians to open more conversations about gun safety with their patients' parents. Wade Spees/Staff

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ONLINE COURSE




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FORMAT:
Online Course



ONLINE COURSE

**Safer:
Storing Firearms
Prevents Harm**

PediaLink
The AAP Online Learning Center



Speaker's Endnotes

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Any Questions?

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