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.



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:



Secure all guns in your home and vehicles



Model responsible behavior around guns



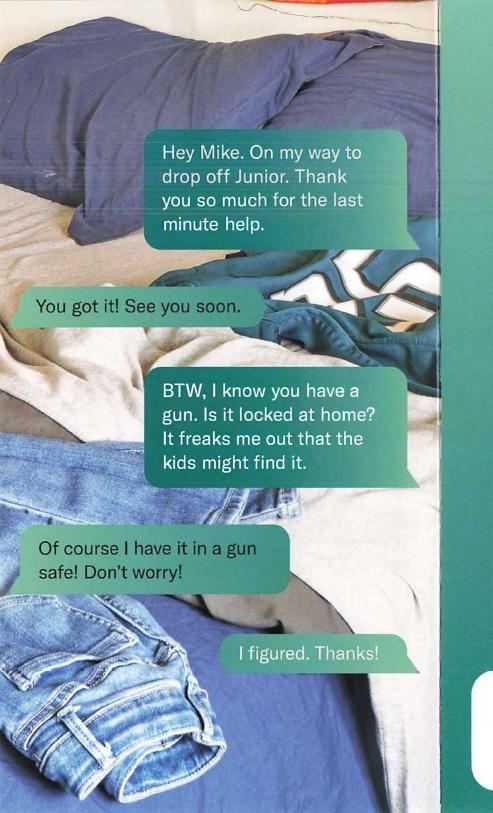
Ask about unsecured guns in other homes and vehicles



Recognize the role of guns in suicide



Tell your friends and neighbors to be SMART



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