



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.**

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## 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