

# ATTENTION DOCTORS + NURSES:

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that doctors and nurses discuss firearm safety as part of your routine guidance with children.

## YOU CAN SAVE LIVES BY TALKING TO PATIENTS USING THESE FIVE EASY STEPS

**Save a life  
with these  
simple steps:**

**ASK** your patients about the presence of firearms in the home, and counsel parents who keep guns to store them unloaded in a locked case, with the ammunition locked separately.

**Instruct** parents to **ASK** if there is a gun in the house before sending their kids to play at a friends' home.

**Counsel** that while the safest home for children is one without a gun, safe storage practices can significantly reduce the risk of gun injury or death.

**Educate** families that suicide attempts with a gun are very likely to be fatal, and that the presence of a gun in the home is associated with increased risk of suicide among adolescents.

**Advise** families to remove guns from the home of any child or teenager who is depressed.

**ASK**  
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