



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

Welcome!

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- 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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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

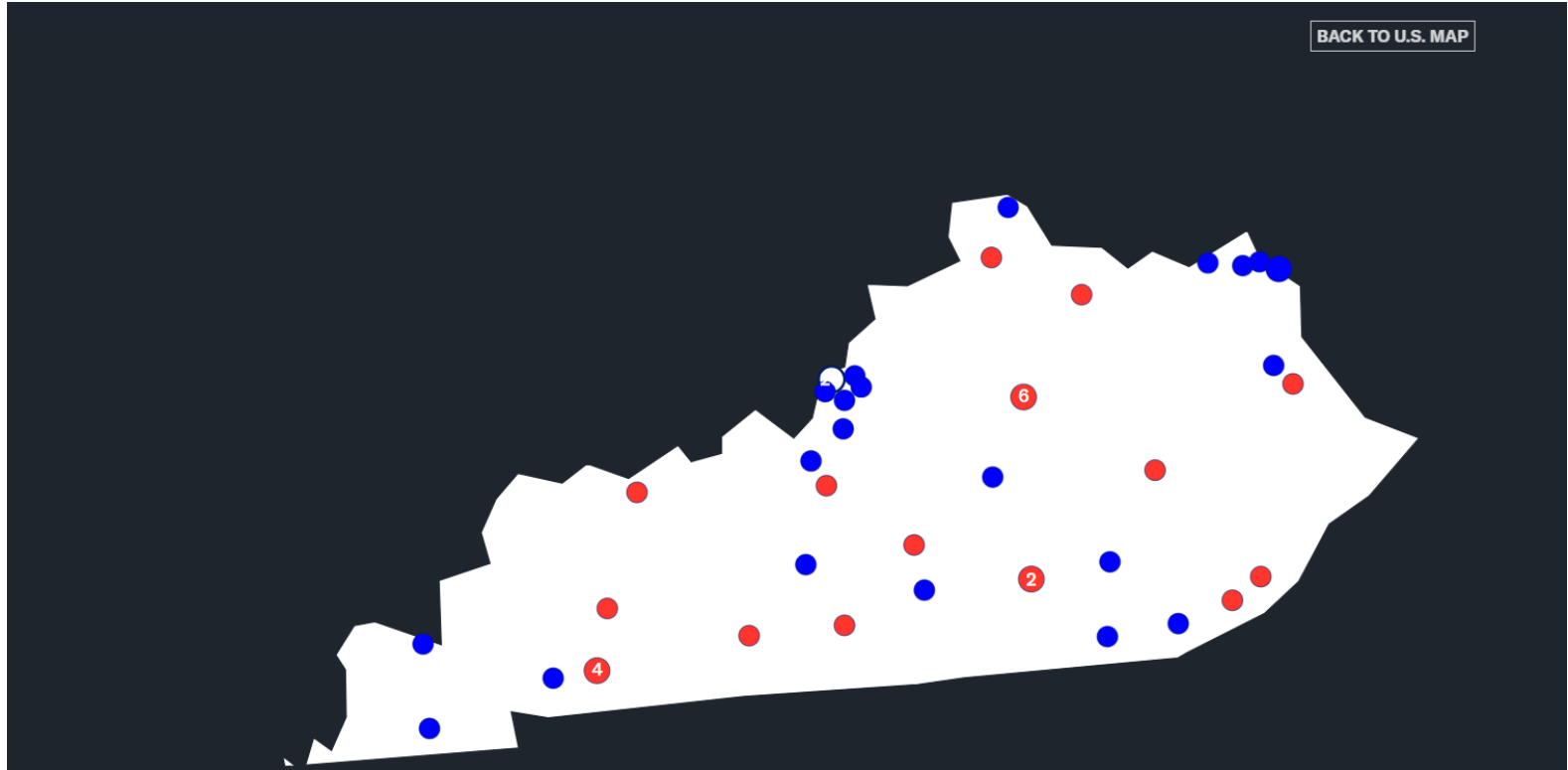
Loaded Gun Brought to Elementary School by 7-Year-Old Days After Uvalde:

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.

Since 2015 there were at least **65 unintentional shootings by children**, resulting in **23 deaths** and **43 injuries** in Kentucky.



BE SMART

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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

Enables fast access



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

Prevents use by small children
Enables fast access
*Often provided free with firearm purchase.



Model Responsible Behavior

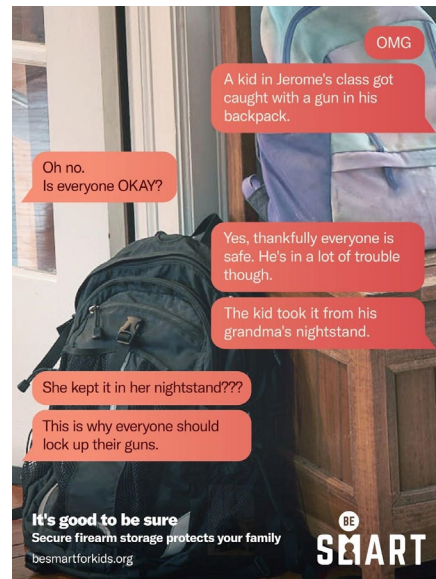
- It is always an adult's responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to guns, not a curious child's responsibility to avoid guns
- Make it a part of the normal safety conversation you have with your children
- Keep the language simple; for example: "If you see a gun, don't touch it. Tell an adult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



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

Be SMART Campaign





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.

Resources Contact Info

National Suicide Prevention Line
1 (800) 273-8255
(24 hours/day)

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
can be reached by calling or texting
988, or chatting on
<http://988lifeline.org>



Trevor Project
*The LGBTQIA+ Youth Suicide
Prevention Line*

TrevorLifeline
1 (866) 488-7386

Text “Home” to 741-741
From anywhere in the United States,
anytime, about any type of crisis



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

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**Secure gun storage
can save lives.
TEXT SMART
TO 644-33
to learn how
you can help.**



BeSMARTforKids.org

Thank You!

Speaker's Endnotes

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