



# SB1026 Will Keep Guns Out of the Hands of Kids

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Having unlocked, loaded guns in the home put children at risk. Yet Oregon has no clear standard that firearms should be safely stored when a child could be present in the home. It is time for Oregon to establish that requirement, just as 28 other states have already done.

Senate Bill 1026 makes it a crime to allow a child to gain unintended access to a firearm by failing to lock or properly secure it. The law would also educate the public by ensuring licensed gun dealers post the safe storage requirements in their business.

## UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTINGS

- Most children do not know how to properly handle a gun. We see unintentional shootings every year in Oregon resulting from a child gaining access to firearm.
- About 50,000 Oregon children live in homes with loaded guns, and over half (26,000) of those guns are not stored in a locked container or with a trigger lock.
- These shootings are not accidents--they are preventable if the owners take the simple steps to safely store their firearms.

## YOUTH SUICIDES

- Teen suicide is on the rise--especially with a firearm. Access to a gun increases the risk someone will attempt suicide.
- Most of teen suicides are committed with a family member's gun. Making it harder for teens to access a firearm will save lives.

## REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

- Studies of states that have adopted similar safe storage requirements have shown reductions in the rate of teen suicides and unintentional child shootings.
- That is why safe storage requirements are supported by groups like the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Physicians Alliance.

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