



## FACT SHEET

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Project ChildSafe® is a nationwide educational program that promotes the safe storage of firearms in the home. The program raises awareness about firearm safety by distributing gun locks and educational material to gun owners.

For years, Project ChildSafe® was a component of “Project Safe Neighborhoods,” a federal gun violence-prevention initiative, and was supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Justice with additional funding from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF®). In 2015, NSSF® was awarded a \$2.4 million grant by the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds from this cooperative agreement will go toward reaching more people about the importance of firearm safety, as well as providing safety kits, including a gun lock, in Project ChildSafe® Communities throughout the country, to encourage responsible firearm storage and help reduce firearm accidents, theft and misuse.

### ABOUT PROJECT CHILDSAFE®

- The goal of Project ChildSafe® is to help gun owners take proper steps to securely store their firearms when not in use in order to keep firearms out of the wrong hands.  
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- Project ChildSafe® provides responsible gun owners with the tools and information they need to securely store their guns away from unauthorized persons, including children, at-risk individuals and criminals.  
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- Project ChildSafe® has partnered with 15,000 law enforcement agencies in communities across the country.  
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- Project ChildSafe® has the support of more than 1,200 industry organizations, and works cooperatively with state fish and wildlife agencies across the U.S. to promote safe firearm handling and storage.  
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- Since 2003, 37 million firearm safety kits (including a cable-style gun locking device, lock-installment instructions and a safety booklet) have been distributed free of charge to gun owners through partnerships with law enforcement in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.  
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- Every day, NSSF® receives 5-10 new requests for hundreds of firearm safety kits from law enforcement agencies.  
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- Fatal firearms accidents in all age groups dropped by 31 percent between 2003 and 2013, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They now constitute less than half of one percent of all fatal accidents in the U.S.  
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Gun owners who wish to receive a free safety kit should contact a participating law enforcement agency in their area. Project ChildSafe® distribution partners can be found at <http://www.projectchildsafe.org/safety/find-a-safety-kit>.

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