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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®). Since federal funding was cut in 2008, Project ChildSafe® has been sponsored solely by the firearms industry through NSSF.

### ABOUT PROJECT CHILDSAFE®

- The goal of Project ChildSafe® is to help gun owners take proper steps to ensure their families and communities are safer when firearms are stored in the home.  
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- Project ChildSafe® provides responsible gun owners with the tools and information they need to securely store their guns away from 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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- Since 2003, 36 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 22 percent between 2000 and 2010, according to the National Safety Council. They now constitute less than one percent of all fatal accidents in the U.S.  
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- In 2013, NSSF announced an additional \$1 million commitment to Project ChildSafe, which will provide hundreds of thousands of new, free safety kits to gun owners throughout the country.  
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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.projectchildsafes.org/safetyKits/index.cfm>.

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The Project ChildSafe® program was developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation®, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry.