



“...under your pillow or in your nightstand **doesn't** count as **SECURE STORAGE**.”

Falmouth Police Chief
John Kilbride

What does **secure** firearm storage mean?

“TRIPLE-SAFE”

- ★ **Unloaded**
- ★ **Locked**
- ★ **Ammunition stored separately**



Securely storing your firearms can:



PREVENT
your gun from
being stolen



PREVENT
children from
finding and
accidentally using
your firearm



PREVENT
suicide (including
teen suicide)



PREVENT
guns from going
to school



Playing with a firearm is the **MOST COMMON CAUSE** of accidental death among children.

- ★ Three out of four kids ages 5–14 know where firearms are kept in the house.
- ★ A 3-year-old is strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun.
- ★ Children may not know the difference between a toy gun and a real gun.

10 TIMES as many teens die by firearm suicide as small children from firearm accidents.

- ★ Most teens who attempt suicide do **not** have a mental health diagnosis and attempt within an hour of a crisis.
- ★ Almost all cases of youth firearm suicide involve a family member's **unlocked** firearm.
- ★ Most school shootings are done by teenagers, with unlocked firearms they acquired **at home**.

