Children are naturally curious and will explore their surroundings. As children grow up quickly, there is no “too early” to implement a safety plan. Simply hiding firearms is inadequate for preventing injuries, no matter how inaccessible the location.

Teaching and warning children about firearm safety alone is not sufficient to prevent injuries. Children lack the maturity and understanding to follow advice concerning firearms reliably. They cannot simply be taught not to handle firearms if they find one.

Places where children live, play, and visit should be safe spaces. Parents should ask about firearm storage at playmates’ and relatives’ homes. All firearms should be stored unloaded, and locked, with the ammunition stored and locked separately. The keys should be kept where children do not have access.

If a family member is in crisis and may pose a risk to himself or others, consider temporarily removing the gun from your home.
Amazon site where you can purchase gun storage devices.

Be Smart for Kids website info on firearm safety and injury prevention.

Project ChildSafe for Kids from the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Get a free safety kit and cable lock.

Firearm storage info from the American Academy of Pediatrics.