



Safety Newsletter



Safety is key:

- Lock up your guns!
- Teach kids about the dangers of playing with fire arms
- Take swimming lessons
- Use pool covers
- Wear a life jacket
- Wear proper helmet for riding bikes and skateboards

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Safely Storing Firearms

No parent should fear for the safety of their child every time they leave home. But all too often, young lives are destroyed or changed forever due to gun violence and other forms of violence in the places our children should be the most safe—their homes.

Many families keep a gun in the home. But every year, guns are used to kill or injure thousands of Americans. The best way to protect your child from being hurt or killed by a gun is to not keep guns at home and to avoid homes that do have guns. If you decide to keep a gun at home, proper storage can help keep your family safe.

What is the safest way to store a gun, If you have a gun at home, be sure to keep the gun unloaded and locked up in a cabinet, safe, gun vault, or storage case. Lock the bullets in a place separate from the gun. Hide the keys to the locked storage.

Why is proper gun storage so important?

Young children are curious. Even if you have talked to them many times about gun safety, they can't truly understand how dangerous guns are. If they come across a loaded gun, they can accidentally hurt or kill themselves or someone else.

Teens can be emotional and may act without thinking. If they have depression or are feeling down, they may see a gun as an easy way out. In fact, most teens and preteens who kill themselves use a gun from their home or from the home of a relative or friend. Teens should never be able to get to a gun and bullets without an adult being there.

People of any age who are depressed are at increased risk of suicide. If someone in the family has depression, or has had thoughts of suicide, all guns should be removed from the home. If the guns cannot be removed, it is even more important to store the gun unloaded and locked up with the bullets stored separately and keys hidden.

What should kids understand about guns

Be sure to talk to your kids about guns, even if you do not have guns in your home. Kids need to know that guns are very dangerous. Teach yours to follow these rules if they see a gun:

Stop what they're doing.

Do not touch the gun, even if it looks like a toy.

Leave the area where the gun is.

Tell an adult right away.

Make sure that your child or teen understands that it is never okay to handle a gun without a responsible adult there. Teach your child or teen to assume a gun is loaded and never to point a gun at someone. Set a good example with your own safe gun handling practices.

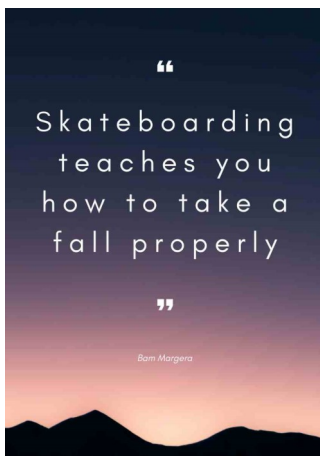
Remember: The best way to prevent gun injuries is to keep the gun unloaded and locked up with the bullets locked up and stored separately.

If you would like more information on firearm safety or would like to obtain a firearm lock at no charge please go to the Elk Grove Police Department headquarters at 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove CA. 95758 or call 916-478-8000.

SUMMER SAFETY

Water Safety Tips

- * Never swim alone. Everyone needs a buddy!
 - * Take swimming lessons, learn how to tread water and stay afloat
 - * Always wear a life jacket when you are on a dock, near large bodies of water and especially when boating
 - * Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards
 - * Keep a first-aid kit and portable phone close by
 - * Be cautious around shorelines, lakes, natural rivers and other nature bodies of water—even if your not planning on swimming.
 - * Never dive headfirst into water except when permitted by an adult who confirms the depth of the water
 - * Keep pool gates closed
 - * Adults supervise young children at all times.
- * Don't forget the sunblock. Stay in the shade when possible, cover up and limit sun exposure during peak hours (10am–4pm)
 - * Did you know swimming lessons reduces a child's risk of drowning by 88%. A child can drown in less than one inch of water.



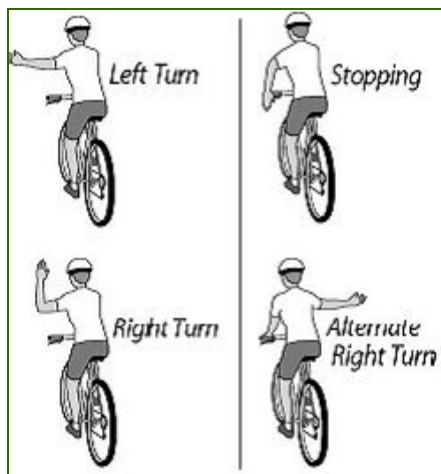
Skateboarding Safety Tips

- ◆ Wear a multi-sport or skateboarding helmet that fits well
- ◆ Wrist guards to support the wrist during falls
- ◆ Knee pads and elbow pads
- ◆ Closed-toe shoes that have soles that don't slip
- ◆ Goggles or shatterproof glasses

Safe places to ride

- ◆ Never ride in the street
- ◆ Never skateboard in wet weather
- ◆ At skate park. Remember obey all the rules!

Everyone falls, but there's a right way to do it. In 2017, 98,486 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms after being injured skateboarding.



Bicycle Safety Tips

- ◇ Wear a helmet that is certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- ◇ Wear neon, fluorescent or other bright clothing.
- ◇ Whenever possible, ride during the day.
- ◇ If you must ride at night, wear reflective clothing and use flashlights.
- ◇ Get acquainted with traffic laws.
- ◇ Ride single-file in the direction of traffic.
- ◇ Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards.

Reminder to drivers: The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction shall allow the bicyclist at least a three-foot separation between the right side of the driver's vehicle, including all mirrors or other projections, and the left side of the bicyclist at all times.

The number of deaths from bicycle incidents increased 29% over an eight-year period, from 793 in 2010 to 1,024 in 2017, according to Injury Facts. Of the 1,024 bicyclist deaths in 2017, 679 involved motor vehicles.

COVID CLINIC

Cosumnes River Fire Department held four COVID Vaccine Clinics at Cosumnes Oaks HS. ESUSD Safety and Security Personnel along with Sacramento Sheriff's School Resource Officers assisted with traffic control.

Over 1,000 vaccines were administered each day.



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Mission

Our mission is “to protect life and property and to ensure the academic tranquility of the staff and students of the Elk Grove Unified School District.” The division works 24 hours a day, seven days a week to service the district’s schools, students and staff.

The safety of students, staff, and visitors to all schools and support facilities in EGUSD is the Division of Safety and Security’s top priority.

The Division of Safety and Security provides:

- Incident management
- Security resources
- Emergency plan development and training
- Community outreach
- Safety and security monitoring on-site and off-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year

Youth Services— Community Outreach

Our Youth Services—Community Outreach Division has participated in many on campus and off campus events: School site carnivals, interacting with students during recess, Unity in the Community, National Night Out, school supply drives, Turkey Drive, Holiday gifts for students and many more.

When we are out working these events, the smiles we see on people’s faces, reminds us of why we do what we do. The joy of giving back to our community!

