



# Be A Voice for Safe Firearm Storage

## Health Professionals: North Carolina Needs Your Help!

**As trusted members of your community, you can raise awareness around the critical need to properly store firearms.**

Firearms are now the leading cause of injury-related death for children and youth. There are simple ways to make a difference in your waiting rooms, in your hospitals, and in your community.

- **Spread the Word:** Follow NC S.A.F.E. on social media and share posts to raise awareness. You can also print a flyer and post it in a waiting room or provide it along with discharge materials.
- **Start Conversations:** Include questions about firearm storage in general discussions about safety and wellness, as part of intake paperwork, or in written safety screeners. For example, while asking about smoke alarms or pool safety, you could include a question such as, "Are all guns in your home or vehicle stored safely?"
- **Team Up With Partners:** Expand your reach by teaming up with community leaders and other partner organizations. These can include faith-based leaders, local fire departments, schools, food pantries, or other nonprofits. Think about organizations you refer patients to. You can also share printed materials for partners – such as local school systems – to distribute.
- **Provide Solutions:** Contact the NC S.A.F.E. campaign to receive free gun locks to distribute to members of your community. Gun locks aren't just for gun owners: Often, people will take a lock for a family member or friend.

**To learn more, visit [ncsafe.org/healthcare](https://ncsafe.org/healthcare).**

If you're interested in partnering further with the NC S.A.F.E. campaign, please contact [ncsafe@ncdps.gov](mailto:ncsafe@ncdps.gov).

