



## GUN STORAGE REQUIREMENT

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### ISSUE

What is the law governing safe storage of guns to prevent minors from accessing them?

### SAFE GUN STORAGE

The law prohibits people from storing any loaded firearm on their premises if they know or reasonably should know that a minor (someone under age 16) is likely to gain access to it without his or her parent's or guardian's permission, unless they:

1. keep the firearm in a securely locked box or other container or in a location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure or
2. carry the firearm on their person or close enough so that it can be readily retrieved ([CGS § 29-37i](#)).

They are strictly liable for damages if they store a firearm in violation of this law and a minor obtains and uses it to injure or kill himself or herself or someone else. And they are also subject to a class D felony, punishable by up to five years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both, unless the minor obtained the firearm by unlawful entry (CGS §§ [53a-217a](#) and [52-571g](#)).

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