



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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