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Project ChildSafe® is a nationwide educational program that promotes the safe storage of firearms in the home. The program raises awareness about firearms safety by distributing gun locks and educational material to gun owners.

For years, Project ChildSafe® was a component of "Project Safe Neighborhoods," a federal gun violence-prevention initiative, and was supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Justice with additional funding from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF®). In 2015, NSSF® was awarded a \$2.4 million grant by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance. The funds from this cooperative agreement will go toward reaching more people about the importance of firearms safety, as well as providing safety kits, including a gun lock, in Project ChildSafe® Communities throughout the country, to encourage responsible firearms storage and help reduce firearms accidents, theft and misuse.

## ABOUT PROJECT CHILDSAFE®

- The goal of Project ChildSafe® is to help gun owners take proper steps to securely store their firearms when not in use in order to keep firearms out of the wrong hands.
- Project ChildSafe® provides responsible gun owners with the tools and information they need to securely store their guns away from unauthorized persons, including children, at-risk individuals and criminals.
- Project ChildSafe® has partnered with 15,000 law enforcement agencies in communities across the country.
- Project ChildSafe® has the support of nearly 3,500 industry organizations, and works cooperatively with state fish and wildlife agencies across the U.S. to promote safe firearm handling and storage.
- Since 2003, more than 37 million firearm safety kits (including a cable-style gun locking device, lock-installment instructions and a safety booklet) have been distributed free of charge to gun owners through partnerships with law enforcement in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.
- Every day, NSSF® receives 5-10 new requests for hundreds of firearm safety kits from law enforcement agencies.
- Between 2006 and 2015 firearms accidents dropped by nearly 24 percent and now constitute less than 1 percent of all fatal accidents nationwide, according to the CDC and National Safety Council.
- The Oklahoma City Project Childsafe Community Program is proudly supported by Governor Mary Fallin, Mayor Mick Cornett, The Oklahoma City Police Department, The Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, The Oklahoma City Fire Department, The Oklahoma Department Of Wildlife, The Oklahoma Veterans Council, Honoring American Warriors, The Oklahoma City Gun Club, Hall-N-Hall Consulting and local chapters of The National Wild Turkey Federation, Delta Waterfowl, The Well-Armed Woman, Cabela's and 4-H Shooting Sports.

Gun owners who wish to receive a free safety kit should contact a participating law enforcement agency in their area. Project ChildSafe® distribution partners can be found at <http://www.projectchildsafe.org/safety/find-a-safety-kit>.

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