



Marin schools, both public and private, continue to improve policies and procedures to make our campuses, students, and communities as safe as possible. The anniversary of the Parkland tragedy, frequent school shootings and an increase in teens ending their lives by firearms are on our minds.

Every day in America, eight children and teens are unintentionally injured or killed by guns found in the home. And, in 75% of school shootings the loaded and unlocked gun comes from the home.

These Family Fire incidents are highly preventable when simple and inexpensive firearm storage practices are adopted. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) suggests that parents who choose to own guns should keep them locked, unloaded, and stored separately from ammunition. Furthermore, California law holds a person criminally liable for keeping a loaded firearm where he or she knows or reasonably should know a child is likely to gain access to it. (CA Penal Code §§ 25100 – 25200)

We are asking Marin parents to join us in a pledge to:

- **Always practice safe gun storage and prevent unsupervised child and teen access to guns at all times.** [K-12 schools]
- **Always ASK, “Is there an unlocked gun in your house?” when arranging children’s play dates. (Visit AskingSavesKids.Org for more information)** [K-8 schools]

Gun Safety Parent Pledge

I acknowledge that I understand the legal requirements for gun storage, commit to safe gun storage in my own home, and commit to ASK before my child visits a friend, family member or neighbor’s home.

Parent/Guardian sign here

Date

Additional Parent/Guardian sign here

Date

For more information about ending Family Fire, please visit EndFamilyFire.Org

For more information about California’s gun safety laws, please visit <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms>