



Safe Storage Scripts

...for discussing safe storage with your child(ren)'s caregivers

Example for the home:

Guns in the home: *"our guns are stored in the third floor closet; the ammunition and guns are stored separately with both in their own locked safes."*

No guns in the home: *"we do not have any guns in the house, and we do not allow guns in the home. Will you have a gun in your car when you come over? If so, how will it be stored?"*

Example for caregivers who drive your children:

"Will you have a gun in your car when you are driving (CHILD) to and from (ACTIVITY)? If so, how will it be stored?"

TIP: Do you have a guide document for babysitters, grandparents, etc.? Add a note about guns, and overview it with all caregivers.

... for discussing safe storage before playdates or out-of-town visits/holidays

Sample text: for going on a playdate:

Hi! Taylor is sooo excited for the upcoming playdate! Thank you for offering to host! I always check in about a few safety things -- Taylor is comfortable with cats and dogs and has no allergies. Do y'all have guns? If so, how are they stored? Do the kids have unsupervised access to wifi or TV? And are there any prescription meds that the kids can access?

Sample text: for hosting a playdate:

Hi! Taylor is excited for the upcoming playdate with Cameron! I always share a few safety things with new friends: we have 1 dog (kid friendly, but can be kept separate), we do not have guns, no unsupervised access to wifi/tech devices, and the medicine cabinet is inaccessible. Does Cameron have any allergies? Is there anything else you want to chat about?

Sample text: for visiting out-of-town family & friends:

*Hi! We are getting excited for Thanksgiving and coming to see your new house!
Thanks for organizing & hosting! I always check in about a few safety things before we travel -- we are all comfortable with dogs, but my kids haven't been around cats very much. Let me know how we can make sure they don't upset Kitty while we're there.
Do y'all have guns? If so, how are they stored?
What is your family policy on wifi and/or TV/screen time?
And are there any prescription meds that the kids can access?*

... for discussing safe storage before accepting babysitting /house sitting jobs

Sample text:

*Hi! This is Jane Smith, Taylor's mom. Taylor is thrilled for the babysitting/ house sitting gig! I'll leave all the logistical communication between the two of you, but I wanted to reach out so you'd have my phone number in case of an emergency.
Also, as a mom, I have to check in about a safety thing -- Do y'all have guns? If so, how are they stored?*