

Project Childsafe

The Echols County Sheriff's Office is pleased to participate in Project ChildSafe, this is a nationwide program to help ensure safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage, developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and supported by a U.S. Department of Justice grant.

General Firearm Safety Tips

Keep all firearms locked and unloaded in a safe place, away from children and other unauthorized persons. Store ammunition under lock and key, separately from firearms. Read and understand the owner's manual that came with your firearm. Follow safe gun handling practices: keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction; keep fingers off the trigger, and keep the firearm unloaded when not in use.

A message for your Children

Young people are naturally curious about firearms and, as a result, may be tempted to "play" with a firearm they find. Make sure young people in your home are aware of and understand the safety guidelines described below.

1. **Don't go looking for guns in your house or a friend's house. Don't let other kids look for guns in your home.**
2. **If you find a gun in your house – or anywhere else – STOP! Leave it alone. Don't touch it. Don't let anyone else touch it. Leave the area and be sure to tell an adult at once.**
3. **Even if a gun looks like a toy, don't touch it. Some real guns may look like toy guns, so don't take a chance. Leave the area and immediately tell an adult.**

REMEMBER... IF YOU FIND A GUN, DON'T PICK IT UP. JUST LEAVE IT ALONE, AND TELL AN ADULT RIGHT AWAY!

To help you in your effort you can pick up a FREE Firearm Cable Lock at the Echols County Sheriff's Office. Safety Reminder Sign-up: Receive free firearm safety reminders from Project ChildSafe via e-mail: sign up at www.projectchildsafe.org.