## Safe Firearm Storage Resources

Information for School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools to
Assist with New Legislative Requirements

House Bill 3, Section 19 (88th Texas Legislature) adds Section 37.222 to the Texas Education Code, which requires the Texas School Safety Center, in collaboration with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), to provide to each school district and open-enrollment charter school information and other resources regarding the safe storage of firearms, including information on section 46.13 of the Texas Penal Code, for distribution by the district or school.

The Texas DPS has created a public relations campaign – Keep 'Em Safe Texas – that offers free downloadable resources to promote safe gun storage.

Districts must provide this information to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district or school. The Texas School Safety Center recommends districts provide this information twice annually – once at the beginning of the school year and once at the end of the school year.

Below you will find links to resources in English and Spanish to assist districts with meeting this legislative mandate. Districts may select the resources and formats that best fit their needs.

## **Keep 'Em Safe Texas Resources**

Program Overview 8.5 × 11 Flyer: English / Spanish

12 × 18 Poster: English / Spanish

How to Talk to Others About Gun Safety 8.5 × 11 Flyer: English / Spanish

Ways to Safely Store Guns (Devices) 8.5 × 11 Flyer: English / Spanish

Training Presentation for Parents: English

You can also find the resources listed above, additional information, and Texas firearm statistics at <a href="https://safegunstoragetexas.com">https://safegunstoragetexas.com</a>.

## **Parent Letter**

The Texas School Safety Center has also prepared a parent cover letter template that districts may adapt to introduce the resources above and provide parents with information on section 46.13 of the Penal Code.

Parent Letter Template: <u>Download here</u>



