

HB87 SUB1

SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AMENDMENTS

- **Responsible storage of firearms**, acknowledged by gun owners and enthusiasts, law enforcement, members of the armed services, and organizations such as the National Shooting Sports Foundation
 - **Prevention of easy access** to a firearm by minors or persons restricted from firearms
 - **Information Signage** by firearm dealers to support safe storage
 - **Prevention of injury** from use of an improperly stored firearm

WHAT IS MEANINGFUL TO OUR KIDS

- In the three years after the Sandy Hood Elementary School shooting, there were at least 84 school shootings in K-12 schools in the U.S. – these are shootings like our kids expect for their schools at some point in time
 - In 65% of school shootings, the shooter used a gun obtained from his or her own home or from the home of a relative – these are guns like our kids expect at their schools at some point
 - Most guns used in youth suicides belonged to the family (68%) or to the youth (19%) ... Overall in Utah, handguns made up 61% of youth firearm suicides ... between 6% and 13% of Utah households have an unlocked and loaded firearm at home
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WHAT CAN BE MEANINGFUL TO ALL OF US

- School environments where the focus can be on learning and teaching
- School Safety – Safe gun storage is recommended by the Utah School Safety Commission
 - Suicide Prevention - Gun ownership and access are recognized risks
- Health and Safety Education – Included among “healthy behaviors that avoid or reduce health risks” in the Utah Core Standards for Health Education

SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS

- HB87 does NOT intend to take parents away from families
- HB87 is NOT a new limitation on legal use of firearms by minors
 - HB87 is NOT about gun control; it’s about safety for kids