



## LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SENATE BILL 294 (2023) NOTICE

### Senate Bill 294 (2023) requires school districts to provide notice about state requirements related to firearm storage.

All students and members of our school communities want to feel safe, welcomed, and included. It is important for our school communities to take reasonable steps to prevent firearm violence and to avoid the harm and tragedy that shootings of any kind can cause where we live, learn, work, and play.

#### ***Firearm-related Injuries and Death: A Problem We Must Solve Together***

- Since 2018, there have been more than 100 school shooting incidents per year in our country and those numbers have steadily increased.
- Approximately three-quarters of perpetrators in school-based active shooter situations acquired their firearm from the home of a parent or close relative.
- This issue goes beyond school-based active shooter situations and includes a variety of firearm type injuries including interpersonal violence, suicide, and unintentional fatal and nonfatal firearm injuries.
- More than 4 million children live in a household with at least one unlocked and loaded firearm. Studies have found that households with both locked firearms and locked ammunition significantly lower risks of self-inflicted firearm injuries and risks of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens compared to households that did not safely store firearms.

#### ***Safe Firearm Storage: Actions to Keep Our Communities Safe***

Below are simple, highly effective practices that can help reduce firearm-related incidents in our community and help protect our kids.

- **Safely Store Firearms:** Store firearms - always unloaded - in a tamper-proof locked cabinet, box, safe, firearm vault, or storage case that children or unauthorized adults cannot access.
- **Safely Store Ammunition:** Store ammunition in a separate, tamper-proof locked cabinet, safe, firearm vault, or storage case that children or unauthorized adults cannot access.
- **Secure Firearms:** Use trigger locks or cable locks to prevent a firearm from firing. In Nevada, licensed firearm dealers must provide a locking device capable of securing the firearm with each firearm sale or transfer. (See, NRS 202.3623, and SB294).

**IT IS A CRIME TO NEGLIGENTLY STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN YOUR HOME, OR OTHER LOCATION WITHIN YOUR CONTROL, WHERE THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL RISK A CHILD MAY OBTAIN THE FIREARM. (See, NRS 202.300(5), NRS 424.044(2)).**

The Lincoln County School District and school community can all work together to promote awareness about how to protect our children and our school communities by safely storing firearms to prevent tragedies from occurring.