

# SENATE BILL 8

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Safe At Home.*

## THE PROBLEM

Too many tragedies have resulted when guns get into the hands of children, at-risk people, and criminals. Studies show that unsecured firearms and lost and stolen guns are fueling incidents of suicide, unintentional shootings, mass shootings, and crime in our communities.

- **54% of gun owners** don't lock all their guns securely.
- Every year, **350 children under the age of 18** unintentionally shoot themselves or others.
- **In three-quarters of school shootings**, the shooter acquired the firearm from their parents or other relatives. (U.S. Secret Service)
- An estimated **82% of adolescent firearm suicides** involve a gun belonging to a family member. (Johns Hopkins)
- Every year, **over 380,000 firearms are stolen** from their lawful owners, often diverted into illegal markets fueling gun crimes and violence.
- Guns reported lost were **3 times more likely to be used in crimes, while stolen guns were 9 times more likely to be used in crimes.** (UC Davis study)

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## THE SOLUTION

We can better promote responsible gun ownership in Illinois by enhancing what it means to safely store weapons and strengthening reporting requirements for lost and stolen guns.

Safe and secure storage practices help prevent guns from being stolen, diverted into illegal markets and used in gun crime. Safe At Home will prevent children, at-risk individuals and criminals from accessing deadly firearms and inflicting crime and violence in our communities.

- Outlines improved safe storage requirements in homes where a minor, at-risk person, or someone prohibited from using firearms could gain access to them.
- Changes definition of "minor" to a person **under 18 years of age** (military and national guard excluded).
- Adds civil penalties associated with the failure to safely secure firearms; at first violation, courts may impose community service or restitution.
- Strengthens requirement for reporting a lost or stolen firearm from **72 to 48 hours** after the owner first discovers the loss or theft.
- Requires education for gun owners of the obligation to report a lost or stolen firearm at the time of firearm purchase and FOID/CCL application and renewal process.
- Requires ISP to create a portal for law enforcement to report individuals who have failed to report the loss or theft of a firearm.
- Imposes penalty of revocation of FOID card on second violation for failure to report lost and stolen firearms.

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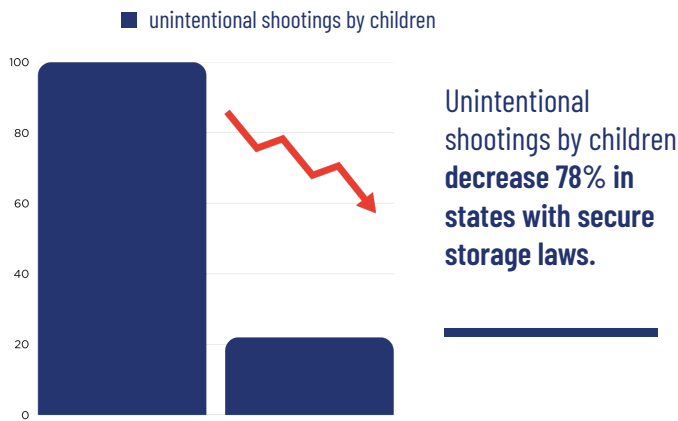
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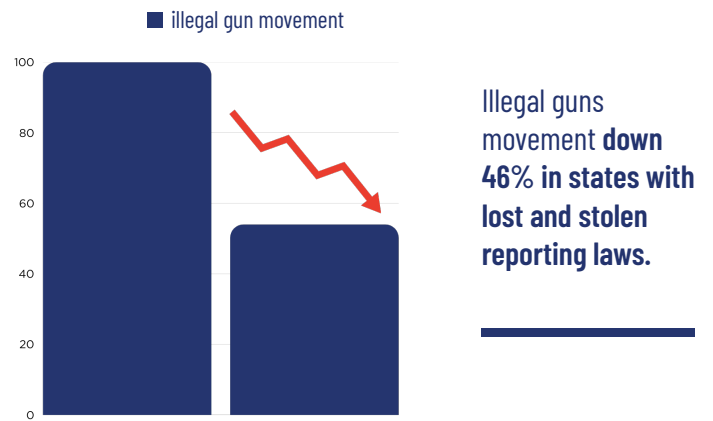


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## SAFE AT HOME LAWS WORK



Source: Brady United



Source: Everytown for Gun Safety

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