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Subject : Police Department Distributes Free Firearm Safety Locks

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REDONDO BEACH, Calif.:

The Redondo Beach Police Department is distributing free gun locks to encourage safe handling and storage practices of firearms. The distribution project to promote firearm safety is supported by a grant from the United States Department of Justice. The locks may be used on various types of firearms including rifles, revolvers, shotguns, and semi-automatic handguns. While the supply lasts, the Redondo Beach Police Department will provide two free gunlocks to residents who will show valid identification and sign a release of liability form.

Residents may obtain their free gun locks by contacting Officer Mike Diehr at (310) 379-2477 extension 1-2493.

A firearm safety device or gun lock is not a substitute for careful gun handling and storage. Locks can discourage unauthorized access to a firearm by young children, but they can be cut or defeated by a determined individual. Locks cannot prevent the intentional misuse of the firearm. All adults have a responsibility to protect children from gun-related deaths and injuries. You can make guns safe in your home, but you cannot always control the actions of your children, other children or other adults in other homes or places. The most important act of prevention is to talk to your children about firearm safety.

If you own a gun:

- Unload your guns and lock them away.
- Lock and store ammunition separately.
- Hide keys, combinations, or other access information.

All parents should:

- Talk with their children about guns.
- Ask other parents and neighbors if guns are present, and/or are they safely stored

- at places where your children visit or play.
- Tell their children not to look for guns in their homes or the homes of friends.
 - Teach their children that if they find a gun, STOP. Don't touch the gun. Don't let anyone else touch the gun. Leave the area and tell an adult at once. If they can't find an adult, dial 9-1-1 and tell the police.
 - Even if the gun looks like a toy, don't touch it. Leave the area if other children are playing with a gun and tell a responsible adult.

The Redondo Beach Police Department is distributing these locks in conjunction with Project ChildSafe. Project ChildSafe is funded by a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

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