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To whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), I am delighted to release this fact sheet concerning firearm safety practices to be provided by primary care providers to their patients. Effective July 2024 per Public Act 24-19 Sec. 17, DPH was charged with creating firearm safety educational material to be distributed by primary care providers.¹

This fact sheet is available to all primary care providers in Connecticut, at no cost to the provider. Primary care providers should make the fact sheet available to each patient on an annual basis, or at each appointment if the patient visits the primary care provider less frequently than annually.

A digital copy of the fact sheet can be found on the [DPH page](#).² To request hard copies of the fact sheet, please contact Colleen Violette, Public Health Services Manager for DPH Office of Firearm Injury Prevention via email at colleen.violette@CT.gov.

To enhance the effectiveness of firearm safety practices, DPH also has access to firearm safes, glove compartment safes, and cable locks. Upon request and availability, DPH will provide these safes free of charge to Primary Care Provides to distribute to patients in need of a firearm safe storage device. Please contact Colleen Violette if you would benefit from access to these devices as well.

We appreciate your collaboration in enhancing firearm safety in Connecticut. Additional provider resources:

[Pediatricians](#)³

[Primary Care Providers](#)⁴

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manisha Juthani".

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¹ An Act Concerning the Health and Safety of Connecticut Residents, P.A. 24-19 Sec. 17 (2024). <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2024/act/pa/pdf/2024PA-00019-R00SB-00001-PA.pdf>

² https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/dph/injury-and-violence-prevention/dph_pa-24-19_flyer_final.pdf

³ Gun Safety Campaign Toolkit. (n.d.). <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/campaigns-and-toolkits/gun-safety/>

⁴ Learn how to talk to patients about gun access and safety. Brady United. (n.d.). <https://www.bradyunited.org/take-action/join-movement/this-is-our-lane/how-to-talk-to-patients-about-gun-access-and-safety>



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