



GUN SAFETY STATEMENT

Acknowledgment of Firearms Safety Requirements:

A portion of adoptive home assessment addresses “health and safety” issues for children placed in the home. Of recent concern is the number of children injured, or injuring others, by playing with unsecured guns or other weapons in the home or in the vehicles of their foster or adoptive parents. In order to be approved as a foster or adoptive home, guns, rifles, shotguns or other weapons must be secured from children. For example, gun cabinets should be locked, weapons and ammunition should be kept in a separate locked location inaccessible to children, trigger locks must be used and the weapon should be unloaded. Weapons in vehicles should be locked away from the reach of children.

Florida Statute 790.174 (safe storage of firearms required) states:

A person who stores or leaves, on a premise under his or her control, a loaded firearm, as defined in s. 790.001, and who knows or reasonably should know that a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minors parent or the person having charge of the minor, or without the supervision required by law, shall keep the firearm in a securely locked box or container or in a location which a reasonable person would believe to be secure or shall secure it with a trigger lock, except when the person is carrying the firearm on his or her body or within such close proximity thereto that he or she can retrieve and use it as easily and quickly as if he or she carried it on his or her body.

I/We, _____ acknowledge that I/we have read and understand this document.

_____ I/We have no guns, rifles, shotguns, or other weapons in our home or vehicle

_____ I/We do have one or more weapons in our possession.

_____ The above weapons are safeguarded from children by the following means:

On the home visit, the social worker must observe the weapon in a locked box, unloaded with the trigger lock on and the ammunition stored in a separate locked location.

Adoptive Father Signature: _____ Date: _____

Adoptive Mother Signature: _____ Date: _____