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To enact section 2923.191 of the Revised Code to  
prohibit any person from storing or leaving a  
firearm in the person's residence unless the  
firearm is secured in safe storage or rendered  
inoperable by a tamper-resistant lock or other  
safety device if the person knows or reasonably  
should know that a minor is able to gain access to  
the firearm and to provide criminal penalties if a  
minor gains unauthorized access to a firearm not  
so stored or rendered inoperable.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** That section 2923.191 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 2923.191.** (A)(1) No person shall store or leave a  
firearm in a manner or location in the person's residence if the  
person knows or reasonably should know that a minor is able to  
gain access to the firearm.

(2)(a) This section does not apply to a person who stores or  
leaves a firearm in the person's residence if the firearm is kept  
in safe storage or equipped with a tamper-resistant mechanical  
lock or other safety device that is properly engaged so as to

render the weapon inoperable by any person other than the owner of 21  
the firearm or any other lawfully authorized user of the firearm. 22

(b) This section does not apply to a person who stores or 23  
leaves a firearm in the person's residence if a minor gains access 24  
to the firearm as a result of any other person's unlawful entry 25  
into the person's residence. 26

(B)(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of criminally 27  
negligent storage of a firearm if a minor gains access to the 28  
firearm as a result of the violation without the lawful permission 29  
of the minor's parent, guardian, or custodian. 30

(2) Except as otherwise provided in division (B)(3) of this 31  
section, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the third 32  
degree. 33

(3) If the minor who gains access to the firearm as a result 34  
of the violation and without the lawful permission of the minor's 35  
parent, guardian, or custodian uses the firearm to cause personal 36  
injury or death, other than in self-defense, a violation of this 37  
section is a felony of the first degree. 38

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits a person who is in the 39  
person's residence from carrying a firearm on the person's person 40  
or placing a firearm in a location that is under the person's 41  
immediate control. 42