

As a volunteer for GunSenseVT, I've been working at vigils and farmers' markets for a dozen years, offering free gun locks along with our firearms safety handouts. This year my local police department was no longer able to give us any because the grants that provided them had run out. I know that free gun locks attract positive attention! With each gun lock, I've had a conversation about keeping your home and family safe. In these friendly connections, I've learned from the gun owners as they learned something from me. Gun locks are cheap and should be available at police stations, libraries and health services. They are not political. They help people think about making firearms safety a normal part of caring for yourself and others. Please include them in the safety funding bill.

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