

22% of gun owners falsely believe their children have never handled their firearms

- 73% of children under the age of 10 who live in houses with guns know where the guns are - 36% have held them.
- This contradicts what their parents believed.



In use. When using a gun for hunting or target practice, keep the safety catch in place until you are ready to fire it.

Before setting the gun down, always unload it.

As much as a child may want to take a turn shooting, this is not a good idea. No matter how much instruction you may give about how to safely shoot a gun, **children are not capable or responsible enough to handle a potentially lethal weapon.**

Safe storage. All guns in your home should be **locked and unloaded, with ammunition locked separately**. Make sure children and teens can't access the keys or combinations to lock boxes or gun safes. And remember not to keep loaded, unlocked guns in the car, either.