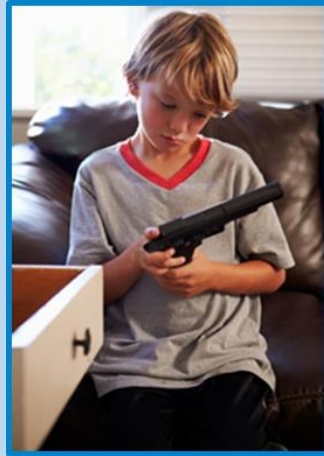


Kids and Guns

Firearm injuries are PREVENTABLE



75,000 children are taken to the emergency departments with **gunshots wounds** each year. Half are discharged with a lasting disability.



Talk to Your Kids and Their Caregivers

- Explain to your kids how a gun they see on television or a video game is different from a gun in real life. “A gun, in real life, can really hurt people.”
- Teach kids that if they see or find a gun to immediately tell an adult about it. Urge them not to touch it.
- Talking to children about gun safety is important, but it is not a substitute for storing guns securely.
- Apply similar care to non-powder and air-soft guns including BB guns, paintball guns and pellet guns.
- Used improperly, these other kinds of “guns” can cause serious injuries, particularly to the head, neck, abdomen or eyes.
- 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 potential lethal weapon.

FIREARMS RESPONSIBILITY



SAFETY TIPS: GENERAL FIREARM HANDLING

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your fingers off the trigger. Don't rely on your firearm's "safety" device.
- Keep the firearm unloaded when not in use.

**YOUR HOME WILL
BE AS SAFE AS YOU
CHOOSE TO MAKE IT.**

SAFE HOME CHECKLIST

- Firearms kept for security reasons are fully controlled at all times.
- Firearms are securely stored in a location inaccessible to children and other unauthorized persons.
- When firearms are removed from storage, they are always carefully checked to confirm that they are unloaded.
- Ammunition is stored under lock and key, separately from firearms.

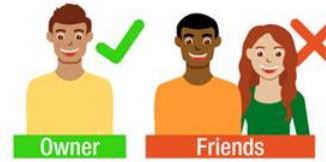
fact:

Accidents involving firearms in the home have decreased significantly over the last 20 years, according to the National Safety Council.



Firearm Safety for Parents of Teens

Here are some tips to keep teens safe around firearms.



Safety training and parental supervision always, and don't let their friends handle the firearm.



Parents must control gun access until age 18 (at least).

Use a gun lock and/or gun lockbox. It can save a life!



Guns are the leading cause of death in teens through suicide or used against others.



Keep the "safe" in firearm safety

Hiding a gun is not enough! Kids are curious, and studies show they usually know where a family keeps a gun.

Gun safes can lower the risk a curious child will be hurt:



Safe or lockbox for handguns



Locked gun safe for rifles



Gun trigger locks— inexpensive and effective



Lock box for ammo

