

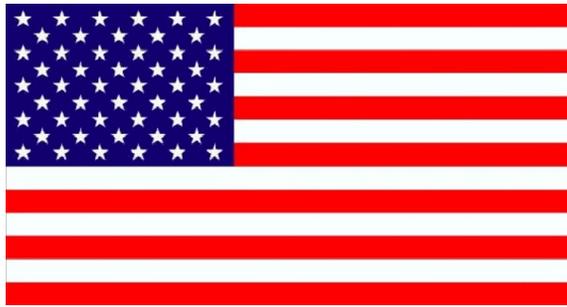
Most parents are concerned with their child's safety and well being. This is often displayed by the continued purchase and usage of car seats, seat belts, life preservers, and bicycle helmets.

However, too many parents overlook the importance of gun safety. An improperly stored gun in the household can pose a significant risk for injury or the death of a child. The fact is, gun related injuries are reported to be a leading cause of deaths in children.

Remember, children love to explore. As they learn to crawl, walk, and climb, they are more prone to encounter trouble.



The curiosity of a young child could lead to a severe injury or death if an unsecured or loaded gun is located.



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IN THE HOME



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A PARENTS GUIDE TO GUN SAFETY IN THE HOME

It is estimated that guns are located in over half of all U.S. households. One third of those households are reported to have children living in the home.

The information listed in this brochure is not intended to be a gun safety course and is not a substitute for formal, qualified instruction in the handling, use, or storage of any firearm.

The guidelines set forth herein should be considered as options to minimize the chance of a potential accident occurring in the home.

Gun safety is ultimately the responsibility of any gun owner and parent.



Even if you do not own a gun, there is a good chance that someone you know and could possibly visit, does. Your child might come in contact with a gun at a friends or neighbors home. Therefore, it is very important for your child to know what to do if a firearm is encountered.

PARENT AND GUN OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- It is your responsibility to educate yourself and explain all rules to your child on proper gun safety and handling.
- Seek competent assistance and instruction if you have purchased or own a gun and do not know how to use it.



- Understand and follow all laws regarding gun purchase, ownership, storage, and transport.



- Explain the similarities and differences of toy guns and real guns to your children.

MORE HELPFUL TIPS

- Secure all guns (unloaded) in a locked gun safe.



- Take reasonable measures to render all guns inaccessible to any children or any other unauthorized users.
- Never leave an unsecured gun unattended, even during cleaning.
- Install trigger locks as an additional precaution.



- Ammunition should be securely locked up in a location separate from the gun it is intended to be used in.
- Load your gun only when you are ready to use it.
- Never point a gun at anyone unless your intent is to use it.