



PREVENTING UNINTENTIONAL FIREARM INJURIES TO CHILDREN

Children should not have access to firearms.

- A gun in the home can be a danger to children. Parents should seriously weigh the risks of keeping a gun in the home.
- Gun owners should always store firearms (including BB or pellet guns) unloaded and locked up, out of reach of children. Ammunition should be locked in a separate location, also out of reach of children.
- Quality safety devices, such as gun locks, lock boxes or gun safes, should be used for every gun kept in the home. Keep gun storage keys and lock combinations hidden in a separate location.

Parents should talk to children about the hazards of gun use.

- Teach them never to touch or play with guns, and to tell an adult if they find a gun.

Check with neighbors, friends and relatives or adults in any other homes where children may visit to ensure they follow safe storage practices if firearms are in their homes.