

Your gun is much more likely to injure or kill you, a family member or a friend than an intruder.

Percentage of students in grades 6-12 who say they could obtain a firearm in 24 hours:.....67%

Percentage of guns used by students to commit suicide that came from family members or friends:.....88%

Average number of kids who died per day in accidental firearm incidents from 1995 to 2000:.....4

Average annual number of kids who committed suicide with a firearm from 1991-2000:.....1,323

Total number of kids injured by a firearm in 2001:.....14,571

Total number of kids killed in firearm accidents from 1995-2000.....1,790

Total number of kids killed between 1979 and 1997 from gun violence - homicides, suicides and accidental shootings:.....80,000

Number of kids killed by unloaded and locked guns:.....0

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The time to act is NOW!!

Though severe situations or crises may lead to violent thoughts, the decision to act on those thoughts is usually brief. If a firearm is accessible, those thoughts could turn into action. Store your firearms securely and explain to your kids that guns are NEVER an effective resolution tool.

Protect our schools, our communities and our children from injuries, suicide and death by eliminating unsupervised youth access to firearms. Please, lock up your gun.

If you need assistance in selecting the appropriate gun security for your home, contact your local police department, or call:

Project HomeSafe, a national gun-lock distribution program, at: 800 726-6444.

Project Safe Neighborhoods
www.psn.gov

Kentucky Center for School Safety
www.kysafeschools.org

Protect Your Family from Gun Related Injury or Death !



Keep your gun out of the hands of those who, deliberately or accidentally, may misuse it.

Protect Your Family Today!

Even Safety-Conscious Parents can Overlook Safe Gun Storage

People own guns for many reasons: hunting, target practice, shooting sports, self-defense, etc. But no matter the reason, gun ownership is a serious and full-time responsibility. While we as Americans have the right to own guns, we have the obligation to store those guns securely and out of our children's reach. This does not mean placing a loaded handgun on the closet shelf "out of reach," and a firearm safety education course is no substitute for secure firearm storage.

Most parents believe their child won't touch a gun. But research shows programs designed to teach kids not to touch firearms are ineffective and when kids find guns, they play with them. What's more, before the age of eight few children can distinguish a toy gun from a real one. Explain to your children your rules about weapons in the home and that they are never to touch a gun unless they have your direct consent and supervision. It could mean the difference between life and death for your child.

- Keep your firearm unloaded when not in use. Make sure there are not bullets left in the gun. Not a single one.

- Lock up your unloaded gun. Use a quality trigger lock, gun safe or lock box.

- Store your ammunition separate from your gun, locked up in another safe or lockbox. Consider storing critical components of a firearm, such as the gun's bolt or slide separately as well.

- Keep keys with you and memorize combinations. Keep numbers as secure as you would a bank account number. Don't keep copies at home.

- Afraid of losing keys or forgetting combinations? Put keys or Combinations in an envelope and give it to a trusted friend, emphasizing that it's for your use only.

- Engrave your firearm with your social security number, driver's license number, or concealed firearms license number to deter theft and facilitate the return of stolen firearms.

- DO NOT RELY ON gun security devices that depend on physical strength to secure firearms from unauthorized users. Children are smart and will find a tool to overcome the device.

The child you save could be your own

Hiding a firearm in a desk drawer or closet shelf will not protect it from discovery.



It is crucial that children know what to do if they find a gun:

- Stop.
- Don't touch.
- Get away.
- Tell a trusted adult
RIGHT AWAY