



Firearm Safety



Safe storage, supervision, and talking about risk are some of the important steps for prevention of firearm injuries.

TIPS

- ✓ Store firearms unloaded and locked with a firearm safe, locked box, trigger or chamber lock.
- ✓ Store and LOCK ammunition in a separate place from your firearms.
- ✓ Remove firearms from your home if you have a depressed or suicidal family member.
- ✓ Before you send your child to someone's house:
 - ASK if firearms in the home are stored unloaded and locked.
 - ASK if the ammunition is stored separately.
 - ASK if there are shotguns and rifles in the home too, not just handguns.
 - Invite the children to play at your home if you have doubts about the safety of someone else's home.
- ✓ Talk with your children about the risk of firearm injury in places they may visit or play.
- ✓ Teach your child that if they find a firearm, leave it alone and let an adult know right away.
- ✓ Instruct your child to leave the room immediately and tell an adult if another child shows him or her a weapon.

911 If you or someone you know is experiencing a life threatening injury or act of violence, please dial 911 immediately.

If you would like more information on injury and violence prevention education and information, call 1-800-732-8333 or email ivp@vdh.virginia.gov