

## Did You Know? In the U.S.:

- More than 30,000 people died from gunshots in 2010.

11,000 homicides, >19,000 suicides

Centers for Disease Control, 2010

- Accidental gun-related death and injury rates are highest among 15-to-24 year-olds.

Albright T, Burge S, Journal of the Am. Board of Family Practice, Jan-Feb 2003

- The risk of suicide is **higher** in homes where guns are kept.

Kellerman A, New England Journal of Medicine, 1992

- Risk of homicide by an intimate acquaintance or family member is **higher** in homes with guns.

Kellerman A, New England Journal of Medicine, 1993



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Having a loaded or unlocked gun in your house increases the risk of injury or death to family members, whether by accident or on purpose.

## Safety First

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**If there are guns in your home, we urge you to store them:**

- **unloaded and locked in a drawer or cabinet**
  - **separately from ammunition**
  - **out of the reach of children**
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## GUN SAFETY TIPS

- Remove firearms from your home if you have a depressed or suicidal family member.
- Ask family and friends to use these safe storage steps.
- 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 about shotguns and rifles too, not just handguns.
- If you have doubts about the safety of someone else's home, invite the children to play at your home instead.
- Present your concerns with respect.
- Talk with your children about the risk of firearm injury in places they may visit or play.
- Teach your child if she finds a firearm to leave it alone and let an adult know right away.