• 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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### Risk Assessment Screening Tool

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The answers to these questions can frame a broader discussion about short term and long term risks in the home.

### Advice That Could Save Lives

> “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.”

If guns are in your home, I urge you to store them:

- unloaded and locked in a drawer or cabinet
- separately from ammunition
- out of the reach of children

[Albright T, Burge S, JABFP, Jan-Feb 2003]

### Brief counsel from physicians can favorably influence patient behavior.

64% of patients counseled made safe changes in gun storage.