

Facts on Children and Gun Violence

- Reports done by the FBI and the CDC show in 2013 more preschool children from newborns to 5 years old were killed than police officers in the line of duty.
- In 2013, 1,670 children (age 0 to 18 years) died by gunshot and an additional 9,718 were injured.
- In a majority of unintentional child gun deaths, the shooter was also a minor. The shooter was 14 or under in 73 percent of incidents.
- Since 2013, there have been at least 159 school shootings in America — an average of nearly one a week.
- More than 44 million Americans own firearms. Of the 192 million firearms owned in the United States, 65 million are handguns.
- A gun kept in the home is far more likely to kill someone known to the family than to kill or injure an intruder, and triples the risk of homicide.
- 1,700,000 children live with unlocked or loaded guns.
- The risk of suicide is 5 times more likely if a gun is kept in the home. More than 75 percent of guns used by youth in suicide attempts were kept in the home of the victim, a relative, or a friend.
- From December 2012 to December 2013, at least 100 children were killed in unintentional shootings — almost two each week. And even this larger number reflects just a fraction of the total number of children injured or killed with guns in the U.S. each year, regardless of the intent.
- 65 percent of unattended deaths took place in a home or vehicle that belonged to the victim's family. Another 19 percent took place in the home of a relative or friend of the victim.
- 70 percent (62 of 89 cases) could have been prevented if the firearm had been stored locked and unloaded.

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- A Harvard survey of children in gun-owning households found that more than 70 percent of children under age 10 knew where their parents stored their guns — even when they were hidden — and 36 percent of the children reported handling the weapons.
- 39 percent of parents who thought their child was unaware of the location of the household's gun were contradicted by their children.
- One of every five parents who believed their child had not handled the gun was mistaken.
- 68 percent of school shooters acquired their guns from their home, or that of a relative.
- States that restrict assault weapons also have the lowest per capita homicide rates. However, because guns are easily trafficked in interstate and international commerce, federal rules are needed.