



DID YOU KNOW?

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among children 10 -19 years old.

Keeping children safe around guns.

Many families keep a gun in their home for protection or sport, but it is important to know that certain children are at higher risk of injury and death when a gun is in the home. If you can answer yes to any of these questions it is important to learn about gun safety to prevent an injury or suicide.

- Is someone in your house going through crisis?
- Does someone in your home have mental health issues or suicidal thoughts?
- Does anyone in your home use alcohol or drugs?

Children are curious and most admit to knowing where the gun is in their home and touching it. See the steps below to take in your home to keep your child safe:

- You may want to consider removing the gun from your home for a short period of time.
- Get proper training on gun use, storage and maintenance
- Use the triple safe method for safe storage:
 - » Unloaded
 - » Locked away
 - » Store ammunition (bullets) in a different place from where the gun is kept



Guns are being used more often in suicide attempts.

Suicides that involve a gun result in death **90% of the time.**

The risk of suicide is lower when guns are stored unloaded and locked.

Access to guns increases the potential for suicide.



You can help stop suicide.