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A conversation about kids, guns, and safety



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WHY AM I HERE?

THE HEADLINES CAN MAKE YOU FEEL HELPLESS. BUT YOU'RE NOT.



AMERICAN KIDS ARE

11X MORE LIKELY

TO DIE FROM GUN VIOLENCE THAN CHILDREN IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

Police: Boy, 13, commits Suicide at Mich. School

2-Year-Old Dies After Accidentally Shooting Self in Head 5-Year-Old Shoots 6-Year-Old Brother While Playing With Gun

> Vigil Held for 13-Year-Old Who Died From Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound

Yuma Reeling After Accidental Shooting Death of High School Student

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Be











Secure guns in your homes and vehicles

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Keep guns locked, unloaded and stored separately from ammunition. Tolers

Jeremiah's story



70 PERCENT

OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 KNOW WHERE THEIR PARENTS STORE THEIR GUNS.

Model responsible behavior

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- Are your security concerns consistent with local crime rates?
- Do all adults in the home support having a gun?

Will other adults join in firearms training?

What precautions will you take to safeguard children?

Do risk factors exist?

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Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.



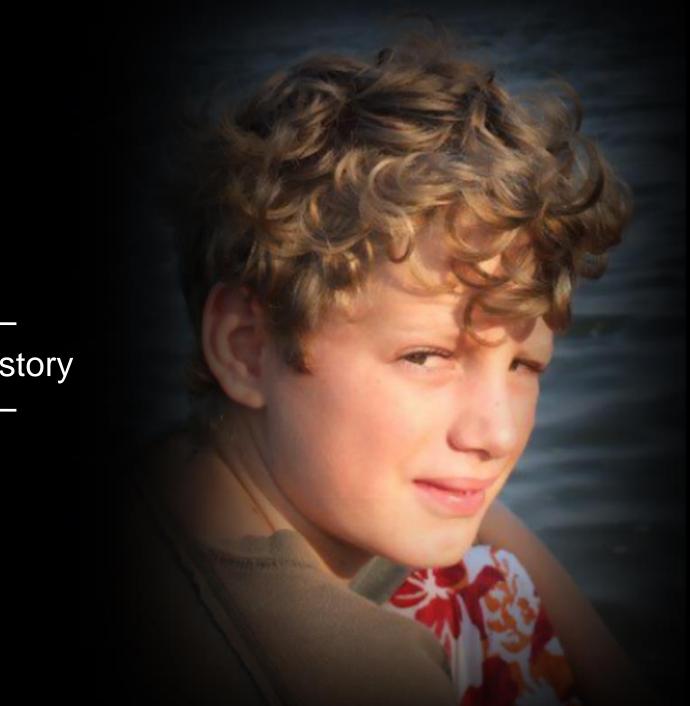
Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.



Be sure of your target and what's beyond it.



Don't rely on your gun's "safety."



Noah's story



1.7 MILLION KIDS

LIVE IN HOMES WITH GUNS THAT ARE BOTH LOADED AND UNLOCKED.

Ask about unsecured guns in other homes

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Make it part of a discussion.



Volunteer information about your home.



Use technology.



Talk to family and caregivers.



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MORE SIGNIFICANT RISK FACTOR

THAN PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS, PROBABLY BECAUSE SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS OF THIS AGE IS OFTEN IMPULSIVE."

- DR. DAVID BRENT, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



FIREARMS ARE THE MOST LETHAL METHOD FOR SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, RESULTING IN DEATH

85% OF THE TIME.

Recognize the risks of teen suicide

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Change in mood or behavior

Feeling hopeless, ashamed, or desperate

- Talking about wanting to kill themselves or saying "you'll be better off"
- Increase in aggression



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Talk to your friends and family.



Volunteer to lead a SMART presentation.

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