

Firearm-Related Injury Prevention in Children

Resource Page

The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council with the TSA-P Hospital and EMS Agency Medical Community has developed this resource to keep children safe - **Gun Injury Prevention for Children.**

Information:

- Everyone in the community should be vigilant about gun safety.
- Parents should have conversations with their children regarding gun safety
 - Inform children if they find a gun to do 4 things:
 1. stop
 2. don't touch the gun
 3. leave the room
 4. tell an adult
 - Repeat gun injury prevention messages to children frequently, especially during summer and school breaks when kids may be spending more time away from home
 - Discuss movies, games, television versus real life events regarding injuries which can occur with guns
- Parents and caregivers should ask questions about gun availability before allowing their children to play or stay elsewhere. Are guns present? How are they stored? Gun owners should *'lock and unload'* when kids are present.

Resources for Gun Injury Prevention

Safe Kids

http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/guns

Children's Safety Network

<http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/injurytopics/firearms>
<http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/publications/firearm-factsheet-children>

STRAC Website

www.strac.org

