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