



SAFE COMMUNITY COALITION

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## Weapons Safety

- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Secure unloaded firearms with a gun lock or trigger lock.
- Keep ammunition locked in a separate location from firearms.
- Teach children about the dangers of playing with guns or other dangerous weapons.
- Guns kept in the home are 43 times more likely to kill a family member or friend than to kill in self-defense.
- Make a contract with your child to never take a gun or other weapon to school or settle disputes with weapons.
- Easy accessibility to guns in the home increases the risk of suicide.
- Teach children what to do if they find a gun—don't touch it and tell an adult.
- Report any unsafe use of a firearm or dangerous weapon.
- Talk to your children about reporting other students suspected of being in possession of a gun or other dangerous weapon whether in school or out.



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