

# GUN SAFETY



## FACTS:

- **34,000 gun-related deaths** occur in the US each year.
- The **majority of fatal accidents** involving a firearm **occur in the home** or the home of a friend.
- **Everyday** in the US, **8 young Americans** ages 19 and under are **killed in** gun homicides, suicides and unintentional **shootings**.
- **For every child killed** by a gun, **4 more** are **wounded**.
- Children as young as **3 years old** have the **strength to fire a gun**.
- **Suicide** is the **leading cause of firearm death** in the US.
- A gun in the home is **4 times more likely** to be involved in an **unintentional shooting**.
- **Every 2 years more** Americans **die from firearm injuries than** the total number of American soldiers killed during the 8 year **Vietnam War**.

## SAFETY TIPS:

- Always **store your gun unloaded** in a **locked area out of sight and reach**.
- **Keep the keys** to the lock on your key chain and **with you at all times**.
- **Keep bullets** in a **separate area from the gun**.
- **Always treat a gun as if it were loaded**.
- **Before cleaning your gun, make absolutely sure it is unloaded**.
- Teach children **not to touch any gun, to move/stay away from the location of the gun**.
- **Do not keep firearms in the home if someone has a history of depression or threatens suicide**.

**Don't Die Needlessly**

