

Firearm Safety Tips



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If you own a firearm, its safe storage is one of your most important responsibilities. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition so they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Even if you don't have a gun in your home, your child may someday come into contact with a gun or another child who has access to one. Just like any other dangerous situation, a simple conversation with your child may prevent an injury or worse.

Set some "rules" about guns for your children, such as:

- ☒ **Never touch a gun**
- ☒ **Immediately leave any area where you see a gun**
- ☒ **Find an adult and tell them if you see or find a gun**
- ☒ **If someone threatens you at school, or talks about bringing guns to school, SPEAK UP! Tell an adult like a teacher or parent.**

Remind children they should not worry about getting another child into trouble. They may be saving their life or the life of another by alerting someone.

BASIC FIREARMS SAFETY RULES

- ☒ **Understand how your firearm operates:**
 - ✓ Read the instruction manual of any firearm you own
 - ✓ Familiarize yourself with the features of any firearm you intend to use
- ☒ **Always safely store and secure your firearm:**
 - ✓ The Irvine Police Business Desk can provide firearm safety locks to Irvine residents free of charge
 - ✓ Secure your firearm and ammunition separately
 - ✓ Make sure children do not have access to the gun safe/cabinet keys
- ☒ **Always treat every firearm as if it were loaded**
- ☒ **Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction**
- ☒ **Never place your finger inside the trigger guard unless you intend to fire**
- ☒ **Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting**

FIREARM TURN-IN PROGRAM

The Irvine Police Department will accept any firearms under our voluntary firearm turn-in program. Please contact our Business Desk during regular business hours at 949-724-7000 for details.