

TEENS, DEPRESSION AND FIREARMS

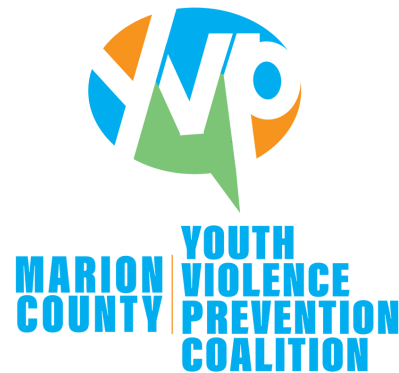
17% of high school students surveyed seriously considered attempting suicide within the last year.

Access to a gun increases the risk of death by suicide by three times.

Most people who attempt suicide do not die — unless they use a gun.



***IF YOUR TEEN IS DEPRESSED
OR SUICIDAL, TEMPORARILY
REMOVE FIREARMS FROM
YOUR HOME.***



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INFORMATION.***

FIREARMS ARE NOW THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN IN THE US.

What can we do
to protect our
children?



FIREARMS IN THE HOME ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN A FATAL UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTING, HOMICIDE OR SUICIDE THAN TO BE USED IN SELF-DEFENSE.



If there are guns in the home, research shows secure storage practices play a vital role in reducing the risk of gun violence.

Secure storage devices won't stand in the way of getting to your gun quickly if you need it.

WHAT IS SECURE STORAGE?

SECURE STORAGE EMPLOYS THREE METHODS IN COMBINATION: UNLOAD, LOCK, SEPARATE

Unload: Remove all ammunition from the firearm, including any chambered rounds.

Lock: Secure guns with a firearm locking device, such as a trigger lock or cable lock, or in a locked location, like a safe or lock box.

Separate: Store ammunition in a secure location separate from the firearm.



HIDDEN IS NOT SECURE

HOW CAN I HELP KEEP MY CHILD SAFE AT OTHER HOMES?

ASK IF THERE IS AN UNLOCKED GUN IN THE HOUSE.

Parents ask all sorts of questions before their children visit other homes, such as about booster seats, allergies and animals. It's important to ask about secure firearm storage. If it feels awkward, try asking via email or text.



Sample Text:
"Before I drop my son off, I just wanted to check to see if you have firearms in your house and confirm how they are stored. I heard a story on the news that made me decide I should always ask."