

For Parents and Caregivers

# FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION

## **Georgia Chapter**

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# Why We CARE

Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 0-19, killing 4,752 young people nationally.

>400 2023 was the worst year on record for unintentional shootings by children, surpassing 400 incidents for the first time since 2015.

Georgia is eighth in the nation for unintentional shootings of guns by children. Children as young as 2 years old have pulled the trigger!

2/DAY Children or teens under 18 years old shot by a firearm and treated in the ER. EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

 $500_0$  Of Georgians have a gun in their home. **1 in 3** children live in homes with guns.





### **How to PLAY IT SAFE**

Follow these rules to **Play it TRIPLE Safe** by keeping firearms



Unloaded.

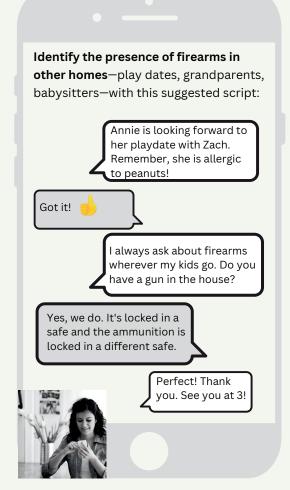




#### When To Seek Help

- If your child is injured with a firearm call 911 immediately.
- If your child states they would like to harm themselves or others, call 911 or Georgia Crisis & Access Line (GCAL) at 800-715-4225, available 24/7.
- Call 988 National Suicide Hotline







**Hiding a gun is not enough**. Kids are naturally curious. Studies show that they usually know where guns are kept.

#### **PLAY IT SAFE**

with poison prevention, burn safety, drowning, and more in the **Georgia AAP Toolkit**—gaaap.org/play-it-safe/.

