

**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, **killing 4,357** young people (nationally).

Almost **fourfold increase** in firearm fatalities in children and teens under 18 in Georgia (from 2011 to 2021).

**Georgia is second in the nation** for unintentional shootings of a gun by children. **Children as young as 2** years old have pulled the trigger.

8/WEEK

Children under 12 years old killed by guns (in 2020). EVERY. SINGLE. WEEK.

 $500_0$  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.

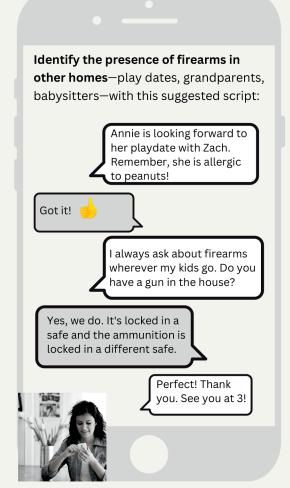


B Locked up separate from ammunition.

#### 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, safe sleep, drowning, and more in the **new Georgia**AAP Toolkit—gaaap.org/play-it-safe/.

