

You can prevent gun injuries among children and teens.

Take steps to protect those you care about:



SECURE HOUSEHOLD

GUNS: Lock up, limit access or remove household guns and other lethal means.

Keep guns and ammunition stored separately. Only the owner should know where keys and combinations are kept.



HAVE OPEN AND HONEST

CONVERSATIONS: Talk to children, teenagers, and other parents about gun safety.

Too often, the **victims** of unintentional shootings and gun injuries are **children and teens**.



Around 1 in 7 gun incident victims is under 18 of police report incidents where age is known.

Adolescents are curious and smart.

Teenagers know where household guns are kept and how to get to them, even in households with parents who believe otherwise.

Sources: Police report incident data from Anne Arundel County and Annapolis City Police Departments (2018-2022)



Gun injuries are tragically common and have long-term consequences.

In Anne Arundel County every year:



An average of **129 INDIVIDUALS** seek medical care due to gun injuries



At a combined medical cost of over **\$3 MILLION**

Did you know?

Gun violence costs each Maryland resident \$1,731 every year.

Of those seen in a hospital for a gun injury:

The median age is **28**.

Black males have the highest gun injury rate at **143 injuries per 100k people**.

This is **9x** the rate for white males.

Many survivors experience **life-long impacts** on their mental and physical health.