

# 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.**