On average from 2012 to 2016, around 2700 children died each year in the United States from a firearm-related injury\*

**58%** were homicides

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35% were suicides

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4% were <u>unintentional</u> firearm deaths

Annual rates of firearm homicide (3/100,000) and firearm suicide (2/100,000) were roughly equivalent among children aged 13–17 years.\*

For children aged 0–12 years the annual rate of firearm homicide (0.3 per 100,000)\*

During the 5 year period an average of 47 children per day, each year, received medical treatment for a firearm-related incident; assault, act of self-harm, or from an unintentional firearm injury for an average annual rate of 8 per 100,000.\*

A life lost to negligence is inexcusable. Owning a firearm is a responsibility EVERYONE should take with the utmost care and sincerity.



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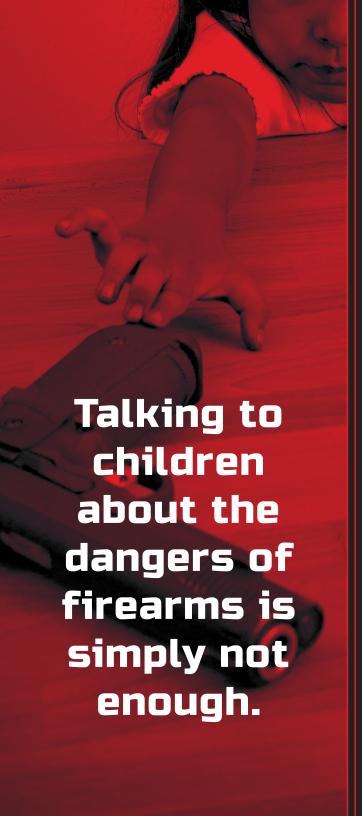
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## Firearm homicides of children

were significantly more likely to be household related (such as violence between parents), incidents in which the victim was a bystander, related to a recent or impending crisis, and/or preceded by family relationship problems.

Firearm homicides of older children were more likely caused by:

- Another criminal act
- Gang-relations

- Drug involvement
- Weapon use by the victim.\*\*

## Firearm suicides among children

were often preceded by:

42% Crisis in the past or upcoming 2 weeks.

71% Relationship problems with an intimate partner, friend, or family member. Mental health factors were also included in reports from the CDC statistics;

34% had a depressed mood at the time of their death.

**26%** had a clinically diagnosed mental health problem.

18% were receiving mental health treatment at the time of death.

**26%** disclosed intent to someone before the incident.

~50% of the firearm suicides were completed with a handgun.

1 out of 3 homes with children (under 18 years) have guns and nearly 4.6 million children live in a home with loaded and unsecured guns.\*\*\*

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