



CELINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Partnerships in Prevention – Police and Community

By working together we can achieve a safer community

Promoting Firearm Safety

Gun Safety for Kids



Print out the [If You Find a Gun... \(PDF\)](#) worksheet for your children to color about the steps to gun safety



TALK ABOUT FIREARMS

McGruff's Tips for Kids—Finding a Gun

It is important to start a dialogue with your children about what to do if they find a gun. The following is suggested language for talking to your kids about firearms:

Guns are very serious. An accident involving a gun can hurt or even kill you or someone you know. Most adults are allowed to own a gun by law, and many have one. This means that even if there isn't a gun in your house, you need to know what to do if you see a gun (NCPC).

- If you see a gun, follow these four steps: **1. Stop. 2. Don't touch. 3. Get away. 4. Tell an adult.**
- When you follow these steps, you're protecting yourself and helping to keep other people safe.
- Here are some tips about what to do in specific circumstances:
 - Walk away and tell a parent if your friend shows you his parent's gun.
 - Tell an adult immediately if you see a gun in someone's backpack at school.
 - Tell a trusted adult if you hear a girl or boy say that she or he is going to bring a gun to school.
 - Follow the four steps if you find a gun in the park by your house.
 - If you're not sure why a gun is dangerous, talk to a parent about it.

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/safe-firearms-storage/talk-about-firearms>

Safe Firearm Storage



There is no magic solution that will eradicate mass shootings, teen suicides, or accidental shootings with firearms in the home. But we can do our part to reduce the likelihood of these tragedies occurring. The safe firearms storage campaign encourages owners to simply lock them up — using available technology and equipment such as gun locks and safes (NCPC).

For more information on Safe Storage Options, Lost or Stolen Firearms, or other Resources please visit the National Crime Prevention Council at:

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/safe-firearms-storage/safe-firearms-storage>

The news stories are frightening: a child accidentally shoots a sibling while handling a gun; a child brings a . . . [read more about what parents can do at:](#)

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/by-audience/parents/guns>

Note: The Celina Police Department would like to thank the Neighborhood Watch of the Carter Ranch neighborhood for suggesting the serious issue of firearm safety as an area where the police and the community can make a difference in the safety of our children and our community.

Project Safe Child



- “We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm.” The Celina Police Department has received a limited supply of firearm safety kits for distribution and they may be picked up at the police department free of charge.
- “Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home.”
- By partnering with Project ChildSafe, the Celina Police Department is participating in a national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners. Project ChildSafe will distribute gun lock safety kits to all 50 states and the five U.S. territories.

For more information on Project ChildSafe please visit: <http://www.projectchildsafe.org/>