

Learn more about preventing child access to guns.

•**NYAGV Website**—Visit www.nyagv.org/resources for more information including factsheets, research reports and more.

•**Brady ASK Campaign**—Get more information about asking about guns in the home, including printed materials and social media tools, at www.AskingSavesKids.org.



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Protecting Children and Teens from Guns in the Home

Here are the facts in the U.S.:

- 1 out of 3 homes with children and teens have guns—and many are left unlocked and loaded.
- Guns are the second leading cause of death among children and teens.
- 9 children are shot each day in gun accidents.
- 4 out of 5 gun deaths of children under 15 occur in a home.
- A gun in the home increases suicide risk by 17 times.

Think about it: Even if you don't own a gun, your neighbor might. And unlocked guns in the home increase the chance of unintentional shootings, suicides and homicides—and even school shootings.



Mikey Graham, 13, of Putnam County, NY, used his father's unlocked and loaded gun to shoot and kill himself.

So what can you do?

What can you do to protect your children and teens from the dangers of guns in the home?

1. If you own a gun, keep it unloaded and locked up.

Guns shouldn't just be hidden away. They should be unloaded, locked up and safely stored out of the reach of children and teens. A secure gun safe with a combination that only you know is the safest option.

2. Ask questions.

When your child goes to a friend's house for a playdate, ask, "Is there a gun where my child plays?" If you have any doubt about the safety of any home, invite your child's friends to play at your house instead.

3. Help us pass Nicholas's Law for safe storage in New York.

Nicholas's Law is named for 12-year-old Nicholas Naumkin of Wilton, NY. In December 2010, Nicholas was unintentionally shot and killed while on a playdate by a friend who found his father's loaded and unlocked handgun.

Nicholas's Law would require the safe storage of all guns not in the immediate possession or control of the gun owner, either in a safe storage depository or with a locking device, to prevent access by children and others who should not have access to them.

Please go to www.nyagv.org and click on the "Take action" tab and find out how you can help pass Nicholas's Law. With your help, we can reduce gun deaths and injuries in New York children and teens.



Nicholas Naumkin, 12, of Wilton, NY, was shot and killed by a friend playing with his father's unlocked and loaded gun.