

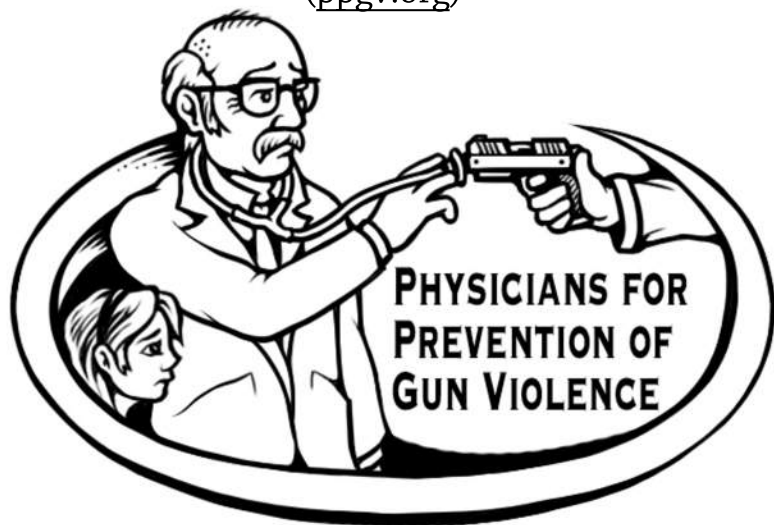
The American Academy of Pediatrics has provided  
more information on this topic at:

[www.HealthyChildren.org/english/safety-prevention/all-around](http://www.HealthyChildren.org/english/safety-prevention/all-around)

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# CHILDREN & GUNS

In December 2012 America was horrified by the news that 20 elementary school children died at the hands of a disturbed gunman.

Tragic as that is, did you know that in the following 12 months **52 more children died while handling an unsecured gun?**

Young children don't understand the danger of guns, even when parents warn them.

**But such tragedies are preventable.**

**A.** If there are guns in your home:

**1) Unload them and lock them away**

**2) Store ammunition separately and locked**

**3) Hide keys to gun and ammunition cabinets**

**B.** Make sure your children understand never to handle guns at home or elsewhere.

**C.** Find out if there are guns in the homes where your children play. If there are, have a discussion about safety with those parents.