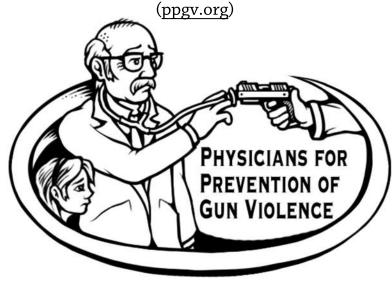
The American Academy of Pediatrics has provided more information on this topic at:

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.