

# KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM GUNS AND OTHER WEAPONS

To help keep children safe from guns and other weapons, follow these guidelines:

- Teach all children—from preschoolers to teenagers—that guns and other weapons can hurt and kill.
- Encourage children to report any weapons they know about at school or in the neighborhoods to a trusted adult. **TELL THEM NOT TO TOUCH THE WEAPON FOR ANY REASON!**
- Explain to children that gun violence in the movies, on TV shows, and in video games is not real. It does not show the pain, suffering, and crippling that accompanies violence. Stress that, in real life guns hurt and kill people.
- Show children how to settle arguments without resorting to violence. Talk openly with children about their problems. Set a good example how to handle your own anger, disagreements, and sadness.
- Support school staff in their efforts to keep guns, knives, and other weapons out of schools.
- If you choose to own firearms, make sure they are unloaded and securely stored in locked facilities. Invest in trigger locks, gun cabinets with locks, and pistol lock boxes, as needed. Lock ammunition separately from weapons.
- Call 911 for any emergency.

The West Sacramento Police Departments provides the community with FREE GUN LOCKS. Stop by and pick some up.



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