



## **Firearms Safety Tips for Parents**

1. If you keep a handgun in your home, always keep it unloaded and locked up!
2. Always lock and store bullets separately from your gun. Young children can figure out how to load a gun.
3. Keep a gun lock on your gun after it is unloaded. [Gun locks are excellent devices when used in combination with other safety habits. Gun locks can provide a false sense of security. All it takes is forgetting to lock a gun just one time. Or leaving the key where a child can find it. Always be diligent when using a gun lock. Always double check to make sure that it is locked at all times.]
4. Make sure children don't have access to the keys to gun locks and gun and ammunition storage areas.
5. Even if you don't own a gun, talk with your children about the danger of guns and what to do if they find one while playing or at a friend's house.
6. Explain to your children that guns are dangerous and that they should never touch them.