Approximately 4.6 million children live in homes with access to unlocked guns

Every year about 100 children, age 17 and under, die in unintentional shootings

More than 400 children, age 17 and under, die each year by suicide with a gun

Tips for Gun Storage:

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Gun locking devices render firearms inoperable and can be used in addition to locked storage.

Ammunition should be stored in a locked location separate from firearms.

Thoroughly double check firearms to confirm that they are unloaded when you remove them from storage.

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If a Child Finds a Gun:

STOP- Stopping gives a child time to recall what they should do if they find a firearm and to remember all safety instructions.

DON’T TOUCH- A firearm that is not touched will be much more unlikely to hurt your child or other people.

TELL AN ADULT- Children should find their parent or a trustworthy adult to make aware of the firearm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Mill Valley Police Department at (415) 389-4100.

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*Parents and guardians are legally responsible for protecting children by adhering to the guidelines for safe storage of firearms under California Law AB231, which makes someone criminally liable if they store a loaded firearm where a child is likely to gain access to it.