

BE S.M.A.R.T.

Each year in the United States, nearly 100 children under the age of 17 die from unintentional shootings, and more than 400 commit suicide with a gun. We have the power to prevent tragedies like these from happening.

Kids will be kids. They won't always make smart decisions about their own safety. Always assume that curious kids may find and touch an unsecured gun. The BE SMART campaign focuses solely on the prevention of child gun deaths and injuries. Together, we can protect kids.

Secure all guns in your home and vehicles

Model responsible behavior around guns

Ask about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes

Recognize the risks of teen suicide

Tell your peers to BE SMART

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1.7 million American children live in homes with guns that are both loaded and unlocked
- In INDIANA, there were more deaths from guns than from car accidents in 2014
- INDIANA has the 7th highest per capita rate of shootings involving children
- INDIANA has the highest rate of teens who consider suicide
- Every year more than 400 children 17 and under die by suicide with a gun
- A Harvard study found that more than two-thirds of kids know where their parents keep their guns – and many know even when their parents think they don't

**National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255**

SUICIDE WATCH

PERSONALITY CHANGE

- ✓ You may notice sudden or gradual changes in the way someone typically behaves

AGITATION

- ✓ You may notice the person is uncharacteristically angry, anxious, agitated, or moody

WITHDRAWAL

- ✓ You may notice a marked change in someone's typical sociability and increased isolation

POOR SELF CARE

- ✓ You may notice a change in the person's level of personal care or engage in self-destructive behavior

HOPELESSNESS

- ✓ You may notice that someone who used to be optimistic now can't find anything to be hopeful about

