Save a Life

Predictable Preventable Gun Tragedies

Every day in America, lives are lost senselessly because a firearm was not securely stored, and related risks were not properly assessed.

Gun violence in America is not a political discussion anymore. The statistics tell us that it has risen to the level of being a public health crisis.

Right now, we can save lives simply by following a few simple rules and being aware of the circumstances around us in everyday life.

Our goal is to provide helpful steps that anyone can take to help save lives. Focusing on safe gun storage and assessing risks, both as they relate to domestic situations and suicide, can save lives.

We can all make a difference in preventing predictable gun tragedies even if we do not own a gun.

Knowing the issues over —

Having a gun at home increases the likelihood that a tragic event with a firear<u>m will occur.</u>

Safe Storage

"Danger from firearms is a disturbing reality in the lives of our children. Almost one-third of all homes contain guns with estimates that 50 million Americans own 300 million guns. The majority of these guns are kept loaded, unlocked and accessible increasing the risk of homicide threefold."

> American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Domestic Violence

Studies show that domestic violence is more likely to turn deadly with a firearm in the home and that an abusive partner's access to a firearm increases the risk of homicide dramatically in an abusive relationship.

> Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute

Suicide

"In the United States, suicides outnumber homicides almost two to one. Perhaps the real tragedy behind suicide deaths of 30,000 per year is that so many could have been prevented. Research shows that whether attempters live or die depends in large part on the ready availability of highly lethal means, especially firearms."

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health