

Keeping Kids Safe

Firearm Injury Prevention Efforts



Firearms are the #1
cause of death for
children in the U.S.

Every day, **seven**
children and teens
die from firearm-
related injuries.

More American
children die from **firearms**
than motor vehicle crashes,
illnesses, accidents, or
congenital anomalies.

In 2024, Surgeon
General Vivek Murthy, MD,
declared **firearm violence**
a public health crisis.

Firearm injuries and deaths are **preventable.**

Children's hospitals are committed to keeping kids safe. Here are some of the ways children's hospitals are making a difference.



**Promote safe
firearm storage.**



**Adopt hospital-based
violence intervention
programs.**



**Serve as firearm
safety educators.**



**Participate in community-
based violence
prevention work.**



**Conduct firearm
injury prevention
research.**

Learn more about
prevention efforts at
childrenshospital.org/firearmsafety

