

Trigger Facts

- In 1993, fatal gunshot wounds replaced vehicular accidents as the commonest cause of death for children under 19 years of age.
- Every two hours in the U.S., a child or adolescent dies in a gun homicide, suicide or unintended shooting. Of the children who are injured or killed in unintentional shootings, 88% are shot in their own homes or in the homes of relatives or friends.
- More than 200 million firearms in the U.S. (295 million people in the U.S.)
- On the average, at least one young child dies every day from an accidental handgun shooting.
- More than 40% of children's inadvertent shootings occur in the homes of friends or relatives.
- 5 out of 6 possessing felons obtained handguns from the secondary market and by theft.
- Handguns are 43 times more likely to kill a family member than a criminal.
- 13 children are killed each day by guns (Over 13 teenagers die each day in automobiles, 7 are behind the wheel)
- 31 out of 32 models of gun locks tested by the government's Consumer Product Safety Commission could be opened without a key, "we found you could open locks with paper clips, a pair of scissors, or tweezers, or could wack them on the table and then would open.
- Children as young as 7 have demonstrated that they can pick or break trigger locks, or operate a gun with a trigger lock in place.
- 1% of police shootings kill an innocent person: about 2% of shootings by citizens kill an innocent person.
- Seems the police have trouble keeping them. Hundreds of firearms are missing from the FBI and 449 of them have been involved in crimes.
- "It's quicker to pull your Smith & Wesson than dial 911 if you are being robbed."-Anonymous