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FIREARM SAFETY

Mid-Jersey Pediatrics would like to remind families of steps they can take to keep children safe from firearm-related injury or death:

- Do not keep guns in your home.
- If there are guns in the home, or anywhere near children, make sure they are stored unloaded and locked out of reach, with the bullets in a separate locked location.
- Ask if guns are present in the homes where your child visits or plays. You can bring this up when you ask about other safety concerns, like car safety seats, allergies, or pets.
- If the answer is yes, ask whether the guns are stored unloaded and locked up. If you are not comfortable with the answer, you can always invite the children to play at your house instead.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers several resources about gun safety. Please visit their website (<http://www.aap.org/firearms/>) for more information.

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