

# Parent's Firearm Safety Checklist

## IN YOUR HOME

- Before you buy a gun, think about less dangerous ways to keep your family and property safe, such as burglar alarms, window locks, dogs, etc.
- Don't buy a gun unless you know how to use it safely.
- Firearms should be stored unloaded and in a locked place.
- Firearms should be locked up in a place that kids cannot reach. Children often have trouble telling the difference between a toy gun and a real gun.
- Bullets should be locked up in a place separate from where guns are stored.
- Trigger locks can be a helpful added safeguard for unloaded firearms. They must be placed on an unloaded firearm.
- Some locks can be removed in as few as 6 seconds.
- If you keep an unlocked gun under your pillow at night, lock it in the morning before you go to work.

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

- Tell kids that guns are dangerous and that they should never touch guns without your okay.
- Talk to your kids about the difference between the violence that they see on television or in the movies and real-life violence, where adults and children really get hurt.
- Tell your children that if they find a gun anywhere they should not touch it, should leave the area and go tell an adult. If they are in school and know of other kids carrying a handgun they should tell an adult.