



Gun Safety Tips

Everything you need to know about keeping kids safe around guns.

We need to take extra precautions when kids are in an environment where guns are present.

Store Guns and Ammunition Safely

- » Store guns in a locked location, unloaded, out of the reach and sight of children.
- » Store ammunition in a separate locked location, out of the reach and sight of children.
- » Keep the keys and combinations hidden.
- » When a gun is not in its lock box, keep it in your line of sight.
- » Make sure all guns are equipped with effective, child-resistant gun locks.
- » If a visitor has a gun in a backpack, briefcase, handbag or an unlocked car, provide them with a locked place to hold it while they are in your home.
- » Leaving guns on a nightstand, table or other place where a child can gain access may lead to injuries and fatalities.

Talk to Your Kids and Their Caregivers

- » Explain how a gun your kids might see on television or a video game is different from a gun in real life.
- » Teach kids never to touch a gun and to immediately tell an adult if they see one.
- » Talk to grandparents and the parents of friends your children visit about safe gun storage practices.

Dispose of Guns You Don't Need

- » If you decide that you no longer need to have a gun in your home, dispose of it in a safe way. Consult with law enforcement in your community on how to do so.



Free gun locks are available at Safe Kids Grand Forks and the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Department. We thank them for their generous support of this distribution program.



It is estimated that about one third of households with children ages 17 and under have a gun in the home.



For more information contact Safe Kids Grand Forks at 701.780.1489 or visit safekidsgf.com.





Hunter Safety in the Region

Firearms Safety Certification for Youth in Minnesota:

Requirements

- » Youth ages 11 and older can attend a firearms safety certification course and receive their certificate. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.
- » DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after December 31, 1979 to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota.

When and where are firearms safety classes offered?

Classes are added to the DNR website as the information becomes available. Check back often.

- » Spring classes - February - June
- » Fall classes - July – October

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us>



Hunter Education Requirements for North Dakota

By law, who must take a certified hunter education course prior to obtaining a firearm or bow hunting license?

- » Persons born after 1961

Exceptions

There are exceptions to the law. Check with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for these exceptions.

Hunter Education Courses: North Dakota

There are two types of hunter education courses offered by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department:

- » Traditional Hunter Education: 14-hour course taught entirely in the classroom.
- » Home Study: 14-hour course time split between classroom and online study (there is a fee to take this course online).

Courses focus on safety, ethics, laws and regulations, landowner relations, wildlife identification and conservation.

Scheduled Classes:

Hunter education classes are taught by volunteers across the state and are held primarily during the spring and early summer months. In some areas a few classes may be available during the late summer and fall depending on volunteer instructor availability.

<https://gf.nd.gov/education/hunter>