Firearm Safety in Florida

Firearms are the third leading cause of injury death overall, and the second leading cause of injury death among ages 15–65+.

In 2013, 2,422 residents died from firearm injuries. There were an additional 1,605 hospitalizations for non-fatal injuries.

Everyone in your home should be educated about firearm safety.

About one third of homes with children ages 18 & under, also have a gun in the home.

If you have guns in your home, you must take extra precautions when children are present.

www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/index.html
www.safeyouth.gov/Pages/Home.aspx
www.projectchildsafe.org/safety

Handle Firearms Safely

Use a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use.

Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

Know how the firearm operates: read the manual and take firearm courses.

STORAGE

Store UNLOADED firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case.

Always unload, clean & place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after use.

Store ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.

Firearm Deaths & Injury Rates per 100,000

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The median length of hospital stay was 4 days for firearm-related injuries.
In older age groups, firearm fatalities remained high while non-fatal hospitalizations decreased.

### Who is Injured?

**Males** accounted for 85% of firearm injury deaths & non-fatal hospitalizations combined. **Females 15%**.

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<td>183</td>
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### Economic Impact.

- **$66,613.00** Median admission charge for non-fatal firearm-injury hospitalizations.
- 53% Hospitalizations paid by patient, the underinsured or Medicaid.
- **4 DAYS** Median length of stay.

### Who Pays?

- Patient-Paid or Underinsured: 38%
- Medicaid: 25%
- Medicare: 6%
- Commercial Insurance: 17%
- Other Sources: 14%

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