



## **Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121**



## **60-Second Safety Advisor #49**

### **Keeping Children Safe around Guns**

Regardless of what you think about them, guns are part of our society. Police carry guns to keep order and ensure public safety. Criminals carry guns to intimidate people and commit crimes. Law-abiding citizens own guns for sport, collection, and protection. There are almost as many guns in the United States as there are people.

Guns are inherently safe, it's their abuse, mishandling, or mismanagement that create dangerous situations. Even if you don't have guns at home, your child may very well be exposed to them at other people's homes. Children need to know about gun safety, they need to know what to do when guns are present, and they need to understand and follow the safety rules.

Tell your children they should never touch any guns or bullets; they are not toys and should not be handled or touched in any way. They should always assume all guns are loaded and ready to fire. If they see a gun or bullets somewhere, they should immediately leave and tell an adult. Teach your children early and often. They are never too young to learn how to be safe around guns. If you own guns, then you need to know how to keep them out of the wrong hands. Even if you don't own guns, you should be aware of gun safety since the majority of households in America do have guns in them and you need to teach your child how to be safe around them. With responsible gun ownership and parenting the tragic accidents involving guns can be prevented.

