

Firearm Safety and Preventing Tragedy

Did you know. . .

- Of 6th-12th graders surveyed in Warren and Clinton Counties:
 - 252 youth report having carried a gun to school (1.6%)
 - 1,168 youth report thinking of killing themselves "often" or "a lot" (7.2%)
- In the last 10 years, 44% of the suicide deaths were as a result of firearms, making this the leading method used. Most were adult males.

Prevention is in Your Hands

If a family member or friend is going through a rough time, make sure he or she can't get to guns. Secure weapons so they are not accessible by youth.

Sources: 2013 Pride Survey and Warren County/Clinton County Death Certificates



Violence, accidents and suicide can be prevented. To help, you can:

- 1. Store firearms and ammunition safely. Store in secured locations beyond the reach of children, teenagers and impaired adults.** Use gunlocks, gun safes, or store ammunition and firearm separately.
- 2. Don't drink alcoholic beverages or use mind or behavior altering medicines/drugs before or during the handling of firearms.** Substances can impair judgment and reduce inhibitions.
- 3. Consider additional safety precautions if a family member may be suicidal.** When an emotional crisis (such as a breakup, job loss, legal trouble) or a major change in someone's behavior (depression, violence or heavy drinking) causes concern, storing guns outside the home for a while may save a life. Friends as well as some shooting clubs, police departments or gun shops may be able to store them until the situation improves.

To get help, call:

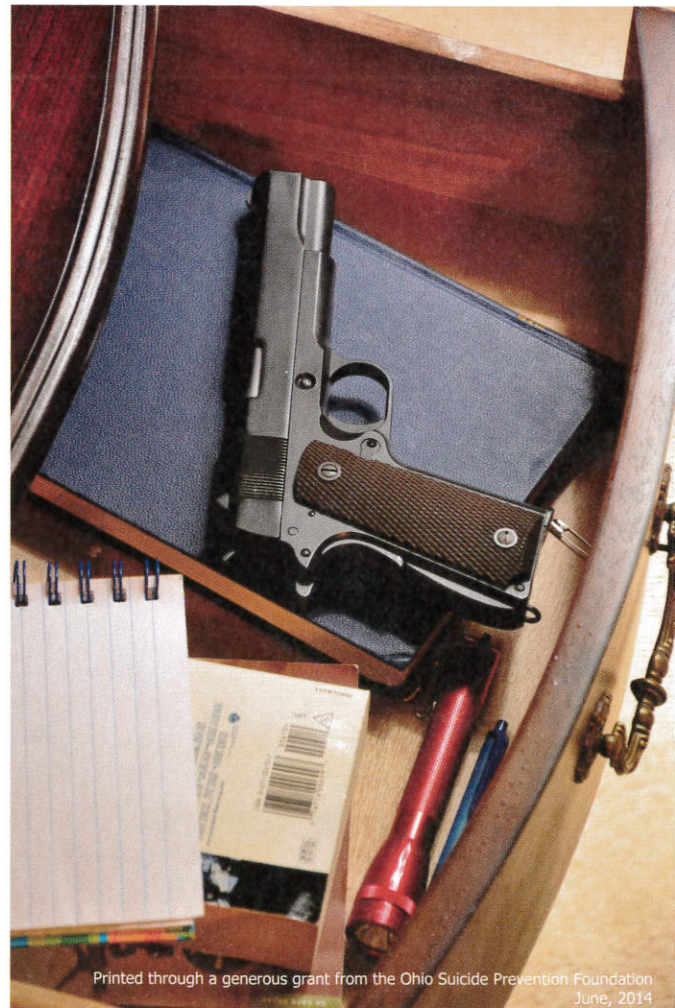
Local Crisis Hotline 1-877-695-NEED (6333)
National Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255, press 1



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