

# Rules About Firearm Safety

## 4 PRIMARY RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Always keep firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. Treat all guns as though they are loaded.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Always be sure of your target and what's beyond it.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> RULE OF FIREARM SAFETY

5. Store firearms securely to prevent unauthorized access.

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# ■ Stats About Firearm Injury in the U.S. ■

**Over half** of deaths involving firearm injuries are suicides.

Firearms are a **leading cause of death** for children in the U.S.

The risk of dying by suicide is approximately **4 times higher** in homes with firearms.

Putting **time** and **distance** between a person in crisis and lethal methods such as a firearm may allow for the **crisis to resolve**.

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