



## Got Drugs?



Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids North Carolina, the Riverkeepers of North Carolina, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of North Carolina and local law enforcement agencies working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused and unwanted medication. By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while protecting our waters.

The Dare County Sheriff's Office participates in this program to help resi-

dents dispose of unused or unneeded prescription drugs. Many people have unused medications in their medicine cabinets. Narcotics or other drugs may have been prescribed for an illness or a medical procedure but the full prescription was not used or only partially used.

Residents may drop off unused prescription drugs at the Sheriff's Office in Manteo located in the Dare County Justice Center. Please leave all medications in their original containers with the information intact. The type and amount of each medication must be recorded prior to

disposal. Rest assured that all personal information will remain confidential and be destroyed prior to disposal. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Residents wishing to deliver these items in Colington or Hatteras Island should call (252) 475-5980 to make an appointment. If unable to deliver the items, call to arrange for pickup by a deputy at a business or home location.

For more information, contact the Dare County Sheriff's Office at (252) 475-5980.

## Law Enforcement Facts

### 1902

Fingerprinting is first used in the United States by law enforcement.



## Did You Know...?

### § 14-72.3. Removal of shopping cart from shopping premises.

- (a) As used in this section:
  - (1) "Shopping cart" means the type of push cart commonly provided by grocery stores, drugstores, and other retail stores for customers to transport commodities within the store and from the store to their motor vehicles outside the store.
  - (2) "Premises" includes the motor vehicle parking area set aside for customers of the store.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to remove a shopping cart from the premises of a store without the consent, given at the time of the removal, of the store owner, manager, agent or employee.
- (c) Violation of this section is a Class 3 misdemeanor.

# Children and Firearms

With the recent occurrences of mass shootings across the nation, the subject of firearms has been a hot topic of discussion. As law enforcement, we do not advocate the possession or prohibition of firearms. We do advocate, however, the education of firearms safety for everyone.

Firearms safety goes beyond the mere practice of knowing how to safely use a firearm but how to responsibly own, store and handle firearms as well as respecting a firearm as a dangerous tool. It is especially important to impart this wisdom to children regardless if the child has direct exposure to firearms or not.

## The Parents' Responsibility

In a home where guns are kept, the degree of safety a child has rests squarely on the child's parents.



Parents who accept the responsibility to learn, practice and teach gun safety rules will ensure their child's safety to a much greater extent than those who do not. Parental responsibility does not end, however, when the child leaves the home.

According to federal statistics, there are guns in approximately half of all U.S. households. Even if no one in

your family owns a gun, chances are that someone you know does. Your child could come in contact with a gun at a neighbor's house, when playing with friends, or under other circumstances outside your home.

It is critical for your child to know what to do if he or she encounters a firearm anywhere, and it is the parents' responsibility to provide that training.

## Talking With Your Child About Gun Safety

There is no particular age to talk with your child about gun safety. A good time to introduce the subject is the first time he or she shows an interest in firearms, even toy pistols or rifles. Talking openly and honestly about gun safety with your child is usually more effective than just ordering him or her to "Stay out of the gun closet," and leaving it at that. Such statements may just stimulate a child's natural curiosity to investigate further.

As with any safety lesson, explaining the rules and answering a child's questions help remove the mystery surrounding guns. Any rules set for your own child should also apply to friends who visit the home. This will help keep your child from being pressured into showing a gun to a friend.

## Toy Guns vs. Real Guns

It is also advisable, particularly with very young children, to discuss gun use on television as opposed to gun use in real life. Firearms are often handled carelessly in movies and on TV. Additionally, children see TV and movie

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characters shot and "killed" with well-documented frequency. When a young child sees that same actor appear in another movie or TV show, confusion between entertainment and real life may result. It may be a mistake to assume that your child knows the difference between being "killed" on TV and in reality.

If your child has toy guns, you may want to use them to demonstrate safe gun handling and to explain how they differ from genuine firearms. Even though an unsupervised child should not have access to a gun, there should be no chance that he or she could mistake a real gun for a toy.

## What Should You Teach Your Child About Gun Safety?

If you have decided that your child is not ready to be trained in a gun's handling and use, teach him or her to follow the instructions of NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program. If you find a gun:



# Children and Firearms (continued)

## **STOP!**

**Don't Touch.  
Leave the Area.  
Tell an Adult.**

The initial steps of "Stop" and "Don't Touch" are the most important. To counter the natural impulse to touch a gun, it is imperative that you impress these steps of the safety message upon your child.

In today's society, where adult supervision is not always possible, the direction to "Leave the Area" is also essential. Under some circumstances, area may be understood to be a room if your child cannot physically leave the apartment or house.

"Tell an Adult" emphasizes that children should seek a trustworthy adult, neighbor, relative or teacher - if a parent or guardian is not available.

The NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program includes an instructor guide, activity books, poster, and an animated video to explain its four-step safety message. For more information about the program, visit [Eddie Eagle](#) or call (800) 231-0752.

### **Basic Gun Safety Rules**

Although the NRA has complete gun safety rules available for specific types of firearm use (hunting and competition, for example), the following three rules are fundamental in any situation. Whether or not you own a gun, it is important to know these rules so that you may insist that others follow them.

- **Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.** Whether you are shooting or simply handling a gun, never point it at yourself or others. Common sense will tell you which direction is the safest. Outdoors, it is generally safe to point the gun toward the ground, or, if you are at a shooting range, toward the target. Indoors, be mindful of the fact that a bullet can penetrate ceilings, floors, walls, windows, and doors.
- **Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.** When holding a gun, rest your trigger finger outside the trigger guard alongside the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.
- **Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.** If you do not know how to check to see if a gun is unloaded, leave it alone. Carefully secure it, being certain to point it safely and to keep your finger off the trigger, and seek competent assistance.

### **Gun Owners' Responsibilities**

Most states impose some form of legal duty on adults to take reasonable steps

to deny access by children to dangerous substances or instruments. It is the individual gun owner's responsibility to understand and follow all laws regarding gun purchase, ownership, storage, transport, etc. Contact your state police and/or local police for information regarding such laws. If you own a gun and do not know how to operate it, do not experiment with it. Point it in a safe direction, keep your finger off the trigger, and store it securely. Seek competent assistance and instruction at once. An untrained adult can be as dangerous as a curious child.



Store guns so that they are inaccessible to children and other unauthorized users. Gun shops sell a wide variety of safes, cases, and other security devices. While specific security measures may vary, a parent must, in every case, assess the exposure of the firearm and absolutely ensure that it is inaccessible to a child.

For more information about the Eddie Eagle Program or other aspects of firearm safety, please contact the Southern Shores Police Department at 252-261-3331.





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***Integrity, Honor, Respect,  
Professionalism***



*The Southern Shores Police Department supports the core of Community Policing, and accepts its definition as both a philosophy and an organizational strategy that will allow the police and the community to work closely together. Together, we will work to establish and maintain mutual trust among all entities to improve the quality of life while enforcing the law.*

*We are committed to being a leading community-oriented department.*

*We are committed to being recognized as leaders in our profession by providing quality, customer focused, problem solving services in partnership with the community we serve.*

*We are committed to ensuring that police and the community share the responsibility for finding workable solutions to problems that detract from community safety and security.*

*We are committed to have open and honest communications both internally and externally.*

*We are committed to making sure that with each contact with the public, we treat each person with dignity and a sense of professionalism.*

*We are committed to excellence in all professional endeavors, maintaining high ethics, and striving to be the best in all we do.*

## Statistics for 2012

### Incidents

Rape - 1  
Assault - 5  
B&E - 39  
Larceny - 71  
Forgery/Fraud - 18  
Auto Theft - 1  
Arson - 2  
Damage to Property - 23  
Drug Violations - 16  
DWI - 3  
Other - 74  
**Total - 253**

### Arrests

Robbery - 2  
B&E - 2  
Larceny - 9  
Fraud - 5  
Drug Violations - 6  
DWI - 9  
Other - 32  
**Total - 65**

### Accidents - 45

### Citations

Expired Registration - 49  
No Insurance - 4  
NOL/DWLR - 27  
Possess/Consume Alcohol - 4  
Seat Belt - 19  
Speeding - 69  
Stop Sign/Red Light - 21  
**Total - 303**

### Warnings

Drivers License Vio. - 15  
Seat Belt - 9  
Failure to Yield - 4  
Inspection Vio. - 10  
Left of Center - 25  
Registration Vio. - 60  
Stop Sign/Signal - 49  
Unsafe Movement - 2  
Speeding - 134  
Dogs on the Beach - 43

Other - 198  
**Total - 549**

### Ordinance Violations

Dogs on the Beach - 24  
Parking - 380  
Other - 8  
**Total - 417**

### Calls For Service

Business Checks - 2,869  
Residence Checks - 1,662  
Traffic Stops - 843  
Suspicious Condition - 302  
Mutual Aid - 101  
Alarms - 250  
Direct Traffic - 356  
**Total - 11,195**