

# Gun Violence:

## A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS WITH SOLUTIONS

- **More than 30,000 people died from gunshots in 2010.** (11,000 homicides, >19,000 suicides)

Centers for Disease Control, 2010

- **Accidental gun-related death and injury rates are highest among 15-to-24 year-olds. Gun-related suicide rates are highest among those over 65.**

Albright T, Burge S, Journal of the Am. Board of Family Practice, Jan-Feb 2003

- **The risk of suicide **increases** in homes where guns are kept.**

Kellerman A, New England Journal of Medicine, 1992

- **Risk of homicide by an intimate acquaintance or family member **increases** in homes with guns.**

Kellerman A, New England Journal of Medicine, 1993

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# GUNS: Are You at Risk?

**G** Is there a **Gun** in your home?

**U** Are you around **Users** of alcohol or other drugs?

**N** Do you feel a **Need** to protect yourself?

**S** Do any of these **Situations** apply to you?

- Have you seen or been involved in acts of violence?
- Have you experienced sadness, depression, or mental illness?
- Do you have school-age children in your home?

## Life-Saving Advice

**“Having a loaded or unlocked gun in your house increases the risk of injury or death to family members, whether by accident or on purpose.”**

**If guns are in your home, they should be stored:**

- unloaded and locked in a drawer or cabinet
- separately from ammunition
- out of the reach of children

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