Get the Facts on Unintentional Child Gun Deaths

From December 2012 to December 2013, at least 100 children 14 and under were killed in unintentional shootings.

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A new report from Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America on unintentional child gun deaths may surprise you. The report, “Innocents Lost,” analyzed publicly reported data on unintended child shooting deaths from December 2012 to December 2013, and found these shocking facts:

- Children age 12-14 are at the highest risk of being shot by a peer.
- Toddlers age 2-4 are at the highest risk of a self-inflicted shooting.
- About two-thirds of these unintended child gun deaths took place in a home or vehicle owned by the victim’s family, and involved guns that were legally owned but not properly secured.
- 70% of these deaths could have been avoided if gun owners stored their guns securely and prevented children from accessing them.

As the map above shows, these shootings happen everywhere – and adults everywhere can play an important role in stopping them. To learn more about this issue, and to find out what you can do to prevent future tragedies, please visit Everytown.org/childaccess.