

From the Chairman of the Board: “Please help.”

I am a physician, a pediatric surgeon, and I have seen childhood firearm injuries first-hand. I can tell you they are always devastating to at least two families – the injured child’s and the shooter’s. Please help protect our children from firearm injuries by supporting AFIPC. Your tax-deductible contribution to the coalition can be sent to: Arizona Firearm Injury Prevention Coalition, P.O. Box 1809, Phoenix, AZ 85001.
Thank you,
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Keeping Kids Safe

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Sad fact

Nearly 80% of murder victims aged 13-24 are killed with a gun.

Sad fact

A teenager is more likely to die of gunshot wounds than from all natural causes of death combined.

Who we are

The Arizona Firearm Injury Prevention Coalition (AFIPC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is a true coalition with a diverse membership that has respect for all sides of “the gun issue.” The coalition does not advocate for or against firearm ownership. We all agree on safe handling of firearms, on respecting the tragedies they can cause in the wrong hands, and on the need to bring resources to bear against firearm violence. Our goal is to keep children safe.



Why we care

The Arizona Firearm Injury Prevention Coalition (AFIPC) is dedicated to the prevention of firearm injuries and deaths in children. We know that firearm injuries to children often cause devastating, permanent disabilities to both the victim and the shooter, and some of the injuries are fatal. Homicides and suicides immediately follow automobile accidents as the leading cause of death for children and adolescents. The majority of homicide and suicide fatalities are committed with firearms. From 1995 to 2005, there were 1,113 Arizona children under age 20 killed by firearms through homicide, suicide, and accidents. We find it especially alarming that in Arizona, homicides by firearms are substantially higher than the already high national average.

Mission

Prevent firearm injuries and deaths through education and community awareness.

What we have done

- Collaborated with Phoenix Fire Department to provide up to 25,000 packets per year of firearm injury prevention material for parents of schoolchildren.
- Collaborated with Phoenix Fire Department to send free gun locks to those parents of schoolchildren who wish to lock up a firearm at home.
- Collaborated with Phoenix Police Department to provide firearm safety material to gun owners who lost their guns through carelessness or theft.
- Collaborated with Southwest Human Development to provide to parents who own firearms our firearm injury prevention materials and offers of free gun locks.
- Collaborated with Arizona Game and Fish Department for our gun turn-in program.
- Collaborated with Teen Lifeline to prevent firearm suicides by offering our gun turn-in program to parents of depressed teens.
- Provided speakers, as well as posters and leaflets, to address firearm injury prevention.
- Served as the community awareness arm of Arizona Project Safe Neighborhoods.
- Distributed free gun locks to pediatrician' offices and at many events throughout Arizona.