



Firearm Deaths & Injuries Among Alabama Children

THE FACTS

- Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Alabama.
- In Alabama, an average of 110 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 30% of these deaths are suicides and 61% are homicides.
- In the US, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

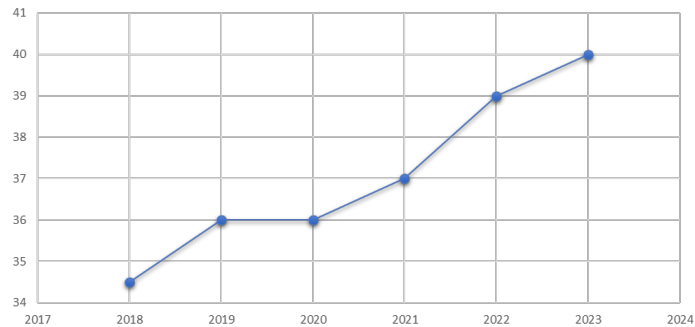
SOURCE: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2021, ages 1–19.

What our children’s hospitals are seeing

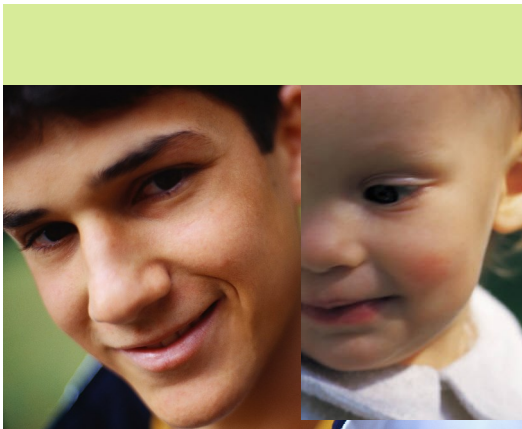
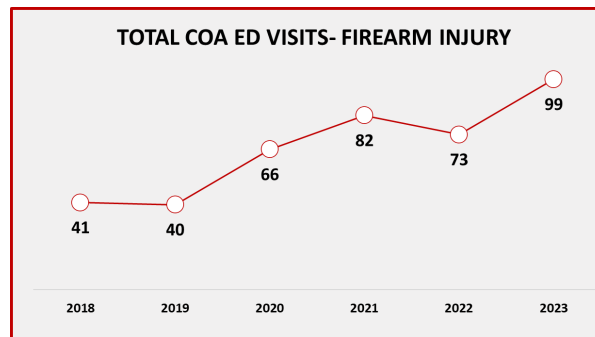


USA CHILDREN’S & WOMEN’S HEALTH—MOBILE

Percentage of Pediatric Interpersonal GSWs Over Time



CHILDREN’S OF ALABAMA—BIRMINGHAM



We don’t need to wait a moment longer.

The Alabama Chapter-American Academy of Pediatrics urges consideration of policies to impact these statistics, such as safe storage, expanding background checks, red flag laws, and others.

What YOU can do



- Consider safe storage laws, such as Senator Coleman-Madison’s bill, SB 97, which would prohibit storage where a minor is likely to gain access
- Consider a red flag law, such as Representative Ensler’s HB 49, which establishes the Red Flag Protective Order Act
- Consider changes to assault weapon laws, such as

Representative Givan’s HB 72, which prohibits their sale to anyone under 19

- Consider other laws, such as required education in schools on safe storage.
- Work with us on feasible solutions for Alabama - we would love to hear from you!