Grades 3-5

At the end of this lesson, students should be able to:

1. Define the terms *firearm*, *safety*, and *responsible*.
2. Describe the differences and similarities between toy guns, air guns, BB guns, and modern firearms.
3. List, in order, the firearm safety rules for children.
4. Demonstrate a mature attitude regarding firearms.

I. Introduction

a. Introduce all instructors and assistants and inform students of the class rules.

II. Firearms Identification and Storage

a. **Firearms, air gun, BB gun, toy gun**

b. **Emphasis** – Any found firearm could be real, regardless of the size, color, shape, etc.

i. Any firearm could seriously injure someone or worse.

ii. Firearms should never be brought to the school campus, not even toy guns.

iii. Real guns should be stored and locked securely. If you find or see one anywhere, even in your home, a friend's home, or at school, follow the safety rules.

III. Firearm Nomenclature

a. **Trigger** – Never touch the trigger of a firearm

b. **Barrel** – Metal tube the bullet travels down

c. **Muzzle** – End of the barrel where the bullet exits. Keep the muzzle pointed away from you or anyone else.

IV. Firearm Safety Rules for Children

a. **Stop**

The first rule for a child to follow if they find or see a gun is to stop what they are doing. This step is crucial; stopping allows time for the child to remember the rest of the firearm safety rules.

b. **Don't Touch!**

The second rule is for a child not to touch a gun they find or see. A child may think the best thing to do if they find a gun is to pick it up and take it to an adult. A child needs to know they should NEVER touch a gun that is found or seen. A firearm that is not touched or disturbed is unlikely to be fired and otherwise endanger your child or other people.

c. **Leave the Area**

The third rule is to leave the area immediately. This would include never taking a gun away from another child or trying to stop someone from using a gun. Leaving the area removes the temptation to touch the firearm and reduces the danger that another person may negligently cause it to fire.

d. **Tell an Adult**

The last rule is for a child to tell an adult about the gun they have seen. This includes times when other kids are playing with or shooting a gun.

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