Grades 6-12

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

1. Define the terms *firearm*, *safety*, and *responsible*.
2. Demonstrate a mature attitude regarding firearms.
3. Know the proper storage of firearms and ammunition in the home.

I. Introduction

a. Introduce all instructors and assistants and inform students of the class rules.
b. Review the firearm safety rules for children for those unfamiliar with firearms.

II. Firearms Identification

a. **Modern Firearm, primitive firearm, air gun, BB gun, toy gun**
b. **Emphasis** – Any found firearm could be real and dangerous, regardless of the size, color, shape, age, condition, etc.
   i. Any firearm could seriously injure someone, or worse.
   ii. Firearms should never be brought to the school campus.
   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. Basic Home Firearms Safety

a. **All family members should be taught safe gun handling.**
   i. More than half of all firearm accidents occur in the home.
   ii. Children are never too young to be taught firearm safety.
   iii. Guns are not toys.
b. **Storage of Firearms and Ammunition**
   i. Firearms and magazines should be unloaded before bringing them into the home, camp, or vehicle.
   ii. Guns should be stored unloaded in a locked cabinet or gun safe.
   iii. Storage cabinets and safes should be out of sight of casual visitors.
   iv. Glass-fronted display cases offer little security.
   v. Gun safes are the best protection for firearms from theft and inexperienced persons.
   vi. If proper storage facilities are not available, trigger locks should be used.
   vii. Place firearms out of sight and out of reach of children and other inexperienced persons.
   viii. Ammunition should be stored in a location separate from firearms.

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