

McGruff® Talks to Students about Gun Safety

Dear Educator,

Gun safety is an important topic at schools across the country. To help you address this topic in your classroom, the National Crime Prevention Council has created two gun safety videos featuring McGruff the Crime Dog®. The videos teach children in grades K-6 how to stay safe if they should find a gun at home or see a student with a gun at school. The lesson is simple: **Stop. Don't touch. Get away. Tell an adult.**

This free teaching kit is designed to assist you in making McGruff's gun safety lesson part of your class plans. The kit includes suggestions for introducing the topic of gun safety, along with discussion prompts to help focus student attention on the key messages of the videos and to reinforce learning through positive dialogue. The kit also provides a reproducible activity sheet for each video that you can use to assess student comprehension; a reproducible take-home letter to engage families in the learning process; and a reproducible gun safety pledge sheet for students and their parents/guardians to sign together.

McGruff Talks to Students about Gun Safety has been developed in partnership with the National Shooting Sports Foundation, whose Project ChildSafe® is the largest, most comprehensive firearm safety education program in the U.S. Additional free resources from Project ChildSafe and from the National Crime Prevention Council are available at the microsite created for this program at ymiclassroom.com/mcgruff-gun-safety.

Please share this program with other teachers at your school and let us know your opinion about the program at ymiclassroom.com/feedback-mcgruff. We look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,



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Questions? Please call 1-800-859-8005 toll free.
We look forward to helping you.

Target Audience

Elementary school students in grades K-6 and their families

Objectives

- To teach students how to stay safe if they find a gun at home or see a student with a gun at school.
- To reinforce that children should never handle a gun without adult supervision.
- To remind students of their responsibility to inform a teacher or another trusted adult if they see a student with a gun at school.
- To enlist parents/guardians in teaching and practicing gun safety at home.
- To encourage students and parents/guardians to sign McGruff's Gun Safety Pledge.

