

GUNS AND VIOLENCE RESOURCE

According to recent data published in the **New England Journal of Medicine**, firearm-related injuries surpassed motor vehicle crashes as the leading cause of death for children and teenagers in 2020.

Every community suffers from increased gun violence, and New Freedom Programs has been developing **resources that can assist you in addressing it**. The new gun violence resource provides 50+ discussion starters and other key elements for use with individual youth or small groups.

The brief (single-page) **Discussion Elements** provide the stimulus for short thinking - or writing - activities on issues relating to **temptations, risks, and consequences** of guns and violence. They present scenarios with discussion questions that cover a range of topics such as:

- ◆ taking guns to school
- ◆ trying to gain respect or status with a gun
- ◆ effects of guns and violence in an emergency room
- ◆ carrying a BB gun that looks realistic
- ◆ guns and social media
- ◆ carrying a gun for safety or protection

Additional Key Elements address topics such as how to avoid people who put you at risk for guns and violence, and exploring peers and their influences.

This flexible resource is also shaped for use by **mentors, street outreach, law enforcement, probation, parole, after-school, summer, and community programs**. The resources can be used to enhance programming that you are already providing, to guide one-on-one sessions, or to form the basis for a group focusing on gun violence. They are appropriate for **prevention**, and **intervention** with youth who are at risk in their schools or communities, as well as with youth who are engaged in delinquent activity or gangs.

The entire resource is priced at **\$395** per licensed site until 9/15/22.

See the next page for topics and descriptions of the resources.

ENGAGEMENT ELEMENTS: GUNS AND VIOLENCE

| Name | Content |
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| Gain Some Respect | 14yo Mario wants to gain respect with a gun |
| The Rules Just Changed | 12yo Juan asked to carry a gun |
| Drug Gangs and Guns | Power and control more serious |
| Afterwards | Juan traumatized by almost getting shot |
| Carrying? | Thinking of carrying a BB gun |
| Loco | Loco kid is now asked to shoot someone |
| There's No Do-over | Violence and death aren't like video games |
| The Fight | Geo wants to end fight with Jackie and shoots him |
| Little Sister | Sister about to take gun to school |
| I Have A Bad Feeling About This | Adam has a bad feeling about a developing situation |
| B & E Gone Bad | Accidental shooting |
| The ER Nightmare | Nurse Janice talks about effect of gun violence in emergency room |
| It Looks Like The Real Thing | Little brother carrying BB gun that looks like real thing |
| I Do What I Want | Trey on probation for gun charge |
| Dj's Bad Decision | DJ steals phone, gets caught with gun |
| It's Now A Bigger Deal | Cousin steals bike, gets caught with gun |
| In The Line of Fire | Jorge's gang gets in beef with another gang, family worried |
| It Could Have Gone Real Bad - Real Fast | Guys with visible realistic bb gun and a real gun steal car and get caught |
| Making It A Deeper Mess | Dwayne gets stopped for traffic violation, they find gun |
| We've Got to Get A Body Back | Just words and threats escalates into one kid getting killed and his friends wanting to retaliate |
| One School | School gotten good at offering help when a kid dies |

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| Social Media #1 | Guns and social media |
| Social Media #2 | Guns and social media |
| Fear Is Problem | Carrying guns for protection |
| Curiosity | Curiosity can go too far |
| How Would this Work? | Jacob had enough of bullying, thinking about getting a gun |
| Hold This For Me | Dante asked to hold or carry gun |
| The Upgrade | Status arms race |
| Invulnerability | James feels invulnerable with a gun |
| Power | Feel more powerful with a gun |
| What Are These Handguns For? | What else do you do with a gun |
| Think about the People You Know Who Have a Gun | What are their reasons for having a gun |
| I Was in the Wrong Place At The Wrong Time | 13yo along for the ride when cops found guns |
| Some Childhood | Charlie had a rough childhood, had gun at 11 |
| My Best Friend | Joseph watches PJ die from gunshot |
| About Pablo | Pablo laughs off gun violence he's seen, cries at night |
| Fourteen | 14yo wants to be accepted by older guys, agrees to hold gun |
| Unsettling | Tom's friend Jackie find loaded gun, gets obsessed with it |
| Younger Kids | People use younger kids to do what they don't want to do |
| Tough Situation | Little Patrick gets bullied, friend suggests getting a gun |
| Feeling Vulnerable | DeWayne tired of getting bullied, wants to take gun to school |
| They're Everywhere | Not hard to get a gun in this country |
| It's Cold | Romeo taken to different neighborhood and told to start shooting as his gang initiation |
| In the Moment | In the moment it's easy to pull out a gun |
| Grooming | Carlos recruits kids |

ADDITIONAL KEY ELEMENTS: GUNS AND VIOLENCE

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| Walk And Talk #1 | How to avoid people who put you at risk for gun violence |
| Walk And Talk #2 | How to avoid people who put you at risk for gun violence |
| Penny's Little Brother | Penny's little brother is only 9yo but carrying a gun |
| Tell Me Who Your Friends Are, And I'll Tell You about Who You Are... | Worksheet exploring peers and their influences |
| Rank Order Activity #1 | What would you have a gun |
| Rank Order Activity #2 | Why would you carry a gun to school |
| Doing Dangerous and Risky Things - It's A Guy Thing | Guys like to do dangerous things and take risks |
| Living In A High Risk Area | Risk factors |