

# Understanding Firearm-Related Injury and School Violence

In this [podcast interview series](#), experts will discuss topics such as youth suicide prevention, anonymous reporting systems, and community engagement. Listeners will gain a broad understanding of the intersection of school safety strategies and firearm-related injury.



## Learning Outcomes

- » Understand the factors that lead to violent behavior in youth.
- » Recognize the importance of firearm safety.
- » Identify ways through which mentorship, pride in identity, and engagement can mitigate violent tendencies.
- » Implement and promote effective anonymous reporting systems within school settings.

## Key Takeaways

- ✓ Factors such as structural racism and community resource deficits can lead to emotional and behavioral issues in students, and may contribute to firearm-related violence.
- ✓ Research has shown firearm safety is an effective strategy for preventing youth suicide.
- ✓ Ensuring safe firearm storage is essential, as a majority of school shooters obtained the firearms they used from their own home or a relative's residence.
- ✓ Encouraging community involvement, through activities like mental health workshops and support groups, can play a crucial role in creating a healthy atmosphere for students and reducing the risk of suicide.
- ✓ Ensuring that students have supportive adults can mitigate violent tendencies among youth.
- ✓ By adopting anonymous reporting systems that are both effective and culturally appropriate, schools can minimize potential threats and violence.

## Additional Resources

[Risk and Protective Factors](#) - This resource describes factors that increase or decrease the likelihood of youth involvement in gun-related violence.

[Safe Storage Fact Sheet](#) - This resource provides guidance on safe storage of firearms.

[Encouraging Responsible Gun Ownership](#) - This resource highlights initiatives aimed at promoting firearm safety, reducing accidents, and ensuring responsible ownership.

[Treatment for Suicidal Ideation, Self-harm, and Suicide Attempts Among Youth](#) - This guide provides interventions to support youth experiencing suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

## Questions for Discussion

- » What strategies might your school adopt to address gun-related violence that occurs both inside and outside of the building?
- » What measures can your school take to ensure that your anonymous reporting system is effective and fair?
- » In what ways can the curriculum or school activities be modified to promote non-violent problem-solving skills among students?