

Southern Pines Police Department
Safety Tips
Firearms Safety

Are there weapons in your home? How about the homes where your children play or are cared for? If you have firearms or other weapons, take the responsibility for securing them properly. Firearms should always be UNLOADED and locked securely. Additionally, ammunition should be kept in a separate, locked location. Trigger locks are common ways to disable the firing system, however the added measure of using a lock-box, safe or other secure storage container may help prevent a tragedy. Firearm owners who fail to take reasonable precautions to keep their firearms from unauthorized use may face the revocation of a pistol permit and may be subject to civil or criminal liability. More importantly, a curious child or visitor can be needlessly hurt or killed by a firearm in the wrong hands. Teach your children to NEVER touch a firearm or other weapon and to tell a responsible adult immediately if they see one unattended or being handled in an unsafe manner. Ask day care providers if there any weapons in the house/facility and, if there are, ask what steps they have taken to secure them and keep your child safe. The few moments you take to secure your own weapons and teach those in your household about weapons safety may make the difference!

For more information or a presentation on this topic, contact the Community Services Coordinator at (910) 692-2732.