



Firearm Injury Prevention Program August 2025

MONTHLY FIPP TIP!

Back to School

It's that time of year again! The days are getting shorter and cooler, the leaves are changing, and kids are heading back to school. While this is an exciting time for many children and their caregivers, it can be a stressful or unsettling time for others, especially with concerns about school shootings or lockdown drills.

School shootings, while statistically rare, are still a heartbreaking reality. Being prepared and having plans in place to handle the possible aftermath have become an important part of supporting schools and communities. There are many online resources you can provide to caregivers of children to help them navigate the conversations and concerns about gun violence.

Below are some links to get you started:

- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Families and Educators](#) (National Association of School Psychologists)
- [How to Talk to Kids About School Shootings | Child Mind Institute](#)
- [School Safety During an Emergency or Crisis: What Parents Need to Know - HealthyChildren.org](#) (American Academy of Pediatrics)
- [How to Discuss Lockdown Drills with Your Child](#)

You can also visit the FIPP [Resources for Survivors of Gun Violence](#) page, which provides additional resources and information related to helping children cope with traumatic experiences involving guns.

Remember, the FIPP Team has free cable gun locks available for distribution to your patients.

If you are interested and you have completed our Firearm Injury Prevention training, please have your clinic leader reach out to us at Preventing_Firearm_Injury@urmc.rochester.edu

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