A child as young as 3 has the finger strength to pull a trigger!

American Academy of Pediatrics - HealthyChildren.org:
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National Crime Prevention Council:
http://www.ncpc.org/topics/by-audience/parents/guns

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Reference:

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WHY WE CARE:
More than 44 million Americans own firearms. Of the 192 million firearms owned in the United States, 65 million are handguns. Research shows guns in homes are a serious risk to families.

- A gun kept in the home is more likely to kill someone known to the family than to kill or injure an intruder.
- A gun kept in the home triples the risk of homicide.
- The risk of suicide is 5 times more likely if a gun is kept in the home.

ADVICE TO PARENTS:
The best way to keep your children safe from injury or death is to NEVER have a gun in the home.

- Do not purchase a gun, especially a handgun.
- Remove all guns from the home.
- When storing the gun, always keep it unloaded and in a locked place.
- Make sure to hide the keys to the separate location.
- Remember that young children simply do not understand how dangerous guns can be, despite parents' warnings.

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