Firearm Laws: Child Access Prevention (CAP) Laws

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition
CAP laws are designed to limit children’s access to and use of firearms in homes. The laws require firearms owners to store their firearms locked, unloaded, or both, and make the firearm owner liable when a child uses a household firearm to threaten or harm him- or her-self or another.

Task Force Finding (April 2002)*
The number of available studies of CAP laws, and limitations in their design suitability and execution, provided insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness of the laws in reducing violence or unintentional firearm injury.

*From the following publication:

Publications


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