

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
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Monthly Gun Law

North Carolina law (G.S. 14-269.7) provides that it is a misdemeanor for any minor (a person under the age of 18) to possess or carry a handgun.

North Carolina law (G.S. 14-315) provides that it is a Class H felony for a person to sell, offer for sale, give, or in any way transfer a handgun to a minor. An individual guilty of this offense shall forfeit the proceeds of any sale made in violation.

Spotlight Initiative: Juvenile Crime Prevention and Intervention

Prevention and intervention are critical to stopping violent criminal behavior. Gangs, guns, and youth crime are tied together. Project Safe Neighborhoods attempts to identify youth who are at risk of becoming involved in gangs or violent crime.

PSN offers referrals to services targeted to juvenile populations. These services include:

- Home and school visits
- Mediation Programs
- Anti-Gang Programs
- Counseling and Treatment
- Outreach to Youth

ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Violence in Your Community

It is your responsibility as a registered gun owner to store it safely and securely. Gun locks are provided free of charge at the Durham Police Department and substations, the Durham County Sheriff's Office, and the Durham County Health Department.

Talking To Your Kids about Gangs

Here are some talking points for parents to use in discussions with their children about gangs:

Good Groups vs. Bad Groups

"Good groups get together to do good or positive things like sports teams, Scouts, or youth groups."

Gangs Break Laws

“Gang members damage property, steal, carry illegal weapons, and hurt other people. Doing any of these things can get you arrested.”

Dangerous Membership

“Gang members may say they are your ‘family’ and that they ‘love’ you. But if you break their rules or don’t do what they say, they may hurt or kill you.”

PSN in Your Neighborhood

October 4: Driver Street Community Day

October 9: Durham County Department of Social Services

October 15: Durham Regional Hospital

October 25: Youth Talent Show and Toy Exchange

October 29: Searle Center – Duke University

October 30: Durham Housing Authority

Do you need help with an organization or community presentation regarding gun crime and violence? Call the Project Safe Neighborhoods Office at 560-4335 x243.