

Appendix C

Gun Safety: *Eddie Eagle*

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Gun Safety Program: Kindergarten

The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program is a gun accident prevention program for children in pre-kindergarten through third grade. Using instructional materials including workbooks, an animated video, and student reward stickers, the program's safety mascot, Eddie Eagle, teaches children that if they find a gun in an unsupervised situation, they should:

STOP!
Don't Touch.
Leave the Area.
Tell an Adult.

Among children, fatal firearms accidents in the Eddie Eagle age group have been reduced more than 80% since the program's nationwide launch.

The purpose of the Eddie Eagle Program isn't to teach whether guns are good or bad, but rather to promote the protection and safety of children. The program makes no value judgments about firearms, and no firearms are ever used in the program. Like swimming pools, electrical outlets, matchbooks and household poison, they're treated simply as a fact of everyday life. Eddie Eagle is never shown touching a firearm, and he does not promote firearm ownership or use.

The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program is adaptable from a five-day plan to a short, one-day lesson. Use all or parts of the program to fit your schedule and meet the needs of your class.

Internet Reference:

<http://www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie/index.asp>