



USCCA CHILDREN'S FIREARMS & SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S FIREARMS & SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS PROGRAM?

- The Children's Firearms & Safety Fundamentals program provides a partnership between parents and firearms experts to safely teach children firearms safety, while simultaneously allowing parents to determine what education is correct for their child and their individual development.
- This course is not a "how-to-shoot-a-gun" course, but rather a comprehensive safety curriculum designed for all parents and adults – gun owners or not – to facilitate important discussions about firearms and situational awareness with children in the same way they would discuss fire or school safety.
- The program has two key components:
 - Fundamental Safety Lecture
 - Family-Focused Safety Series
- There are no prerequisites for any of this program's offerings. While we recommend that parents start with the Fundamental Safety Lecture, it is not required.

WHY SHOULD I TEACH CHILDREN'S FIREARMS & SAFETY FUNDAMENTALS?

- Over **5 million children** have been exposed to firearms in recent years, due to new gun ownership skyrocketing. Of these new gun owners, approximately 50% said they would sign up for training if it was offered.
- Children need to know how to behave safely and responsibly around firearms whether they live in a house with firearms or not. For that reason, the Children's Firearms & Safety Fundamentals program isn't geared *just* to gun owners. This opens the door to an entirely new population of students.
- The Family-Focused Safety Series is set up to be taught over the course of several weeks, thus creating repeat customers and bringing your students in week after week.

WHAT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL SAFETY LECTURE?

- The Fundamental Safety Lecture is a 2.5- to 3-hour seminar geared specifically towards the adults in a child's life - whether that be parents/guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends, etc.
- This class covers three important facets of safety:
 - 1) **Education** » How, when and what parents should teach children about firearms safety
 - 2) **Prevention** » Dispel myths surrounding firearms, look deeper into hospitalization data and preventable tragedies, and discuss safe firearms storage options

- 3) **Action »** Review and discuss realistic scenarios to help parents consider their risk mitigation options and put plans in place

- This class is the *recommended* first step in the program.

WHAT IS THE FAMILY-FOCUSED SAFETY SERIES?

- The Family-Focused Safety Series is a collection of nine, hour-long mini-classes geared toward parents/adults *and* children of all ages. These mini-classes are:
 - 1) **Accident Prevention and Safety Basics »** An introduction to what safety is and the gun safety rules
 - 2) **Firearms Heritage and Use »** The history of the Second Amendment and firearms use in America today
 - 3) **Firearms Safety Rules »** The basics of what to do – and what not to do – with a firearm
 - 4) **Range Rules and Etiquette »** What to expect on the range and how to act responsibly
 - 5) **Shooting Fundamentals »** The seven shooting fundamentals
 - 6) **Firearms Familiarization: Long Guns »** The parts, basic functions and fundamentals of long guns
 - 7) **Firearms Familiarization: Handguns »** The parts, basic functions and fundamentals of handguns
 - 8) **Dry-Fire Practice »** Dry-fire tools, preparation and drills
 - 9) **Situational Awareness »** The CODE process and Color Codes of Awareness
- Instructors have the freedom to select and order the mini-classes in the way that makes most sense for a given family or group of students. Some families/groups may benefit from all of the mini-classes, while others may be interested in only a few. We recommend discussing with student groups in advance to determine which of the mini-classes should be taught to them and in what order.
 - **Example:** A family of four contacts an instructor and says they would like firearms safety training. They own rifles and shotguns that the parents use for hunting. The instructor may choose to teach the family – the parents and their two children – the following mini-classes one class a week, over the course of five weeks:
 - Accident Prevention and Safety Basics
 - Firearms Heritage and Use
 - Firearms Safety Rules
 - Firearms Familiarization: Long Guns
 - Shooting Fundamentals
- In addition to working with families to build a plan that meets their specific needs, instructors can also hold the mini-classes independently and open them to the public.