



Children and Youth Victims of Concealed Carry Killers

Individuals with permits to carry concealed handguns are not just law-abiding, responsible citizens. Research from the Violence Policy Center (VPC) has found these individuals are often negligent, reckless, homicidal, and/or suicidal. And far too often, their victims have been children and youth.

The following incidents involve private individuals with permits to carry concealed handguns who shot and killed children or youth, or left their guns accessible to children or youth who then killed themselves or others. These incidents were identified as part of the VPC's ongoing Concealed Carry Killers project, which has identified 873 people killed in non-self defense incidents since May 2007 by private citizens with concealed carry permits. These victims represent only the very tip of the iceberg, as the gun lobby consistently resists efforts to collect comprehensive data on crimes and killings perpetrated by concealed handgun permit holders.

To read the full details of these and other incidents, please visit concealedcarrykillers.org.

39 EXAMPLES OF CONCEALED CARRY KILLER VICTIMS AGE 17 AND YOUNGER

- One-year-old Aaron Neptune Jackson was shot and killed by his father in a murder-suicide in Virginia on May 5, 2008.
- An 18-month-old daughter of a sheriff's deputy was killed in a rampage shooting in Alabama on March 10, 2009.
- A two-year-old boy died after he shot himself with a .380 Bersa pistol he found in his mother's purse in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 20, 2016.
- Two-year-old Kaleb Ahles died after he found his father's handgun in the glove compartment of the family's car, pointed it at himself and pulled the trigger. The incident occurred in Florida on January 21, 2015.
- A two-year-old took a handgun out of the purse of his mother, Veronica Rutledge, while they were shopping at an Idaho Walmart and fatally shot her on December 30, 2014. Rutledge's concealed carry permit was issued in Washington.
- Two-year-old Addison Tussey shot and killed herself after she found a handgun left in the front console of the family SUV as the family was preparing to leave a restaurant in Kentucky on May 21, 2011.
- Two-year-old Nicole Aaron Jackson was shot and killed by her father in a murder-suicide in Virginia on May 5, 2008.
- A two-year-old in Minnesota was shot and killed by his four-year-old brother who was playing with a handgun belonging to his father, Kao Xiong, on December 5, 2012.
- Three-year-old Julio Segura-McIntosh fatally shot himself with a gun he found in his family's car when his family stopped for gas in Tacoma, Washington. The father put his pistol under the seat and got out to pump gas, while the mother went into the convenience store. The boy climbed out of his car seat, found the gun, and shot himself in the head on March 14, 2012.

- Three-year-old Zuri Chambers fatally shot herself in the face on February 13, 2014, with her father's handgun that had been left on a table in her home in Florida. Investigators found that the girl had previously played with the gun and had pointed it at her mother.
- Three-year-old Damon Holbrook fatally shot himself in the head with a gun he found at neighbor Joshua Greenhill's house in Michigan on August 18, 2013.
- Four-year-old Joshua Sipe was shot and killed by his uncle, Christopher Speight, 39, in a mass shooting of family members and friends in Virginia on January 19, 2010, that left eight victims dead.
- Four-year-old Raiden Matern was shot and killed by his father in a murder-suicide in Utah on December 17, 2009.
- Five-year-old Giovanni Kopystenki shot and killed himself with his father's 9mm handgun after finding it in the front console of the car the two were in while passing through a drive-in window of a Walgreens drug store in Nevada on July 20, 2009.
- Five-year-old Zacharia Nesbitt shot and killed himself with his father's loaded 9mm Glock pistol that the child found in a closet on July 18, 2009, in Ohio.
- Five-year-old Cion Styles was shot and killed by his father Tyrell Styles in Pennsylvania on July 26, 2014. The boy's mother was wounded.
- The six-year-old son of James Lonaker fatally shot his father with a .38 revolver the boy found on top of a table in his Indiana home on February 21, 2016. The boy told police that he didn't think the gun was loaded and did not intend to hurt his father.
- Six-year-old Alex Gallagher was shot and killed by his father in a murder-suicide in Missouri in December 2010.
- Six-year-old Gabriel Matern was shot and killed by his father in a murder-suicide in Utah on December 17, 2009.
- Six-year-old Makayla Sitton was shot and killed in Florida's "Thanksgiving Day" rampage shooting on November 26, 2009.
- Six-year-old Stormy Peters was shot and killed by her father while he was drinking and cleaning his guns with her in Washington on November 16, 2008.
- Seven-year-old Karlee Byler was shot and killed when her father's Norinco pistol fell out of his coat pocket and discharged on February 25, 2011, in Indiana.
- Seven-year-old Amara Jones was shot by her father, FerDarius Shine, on February 15, 2013 in Michigan. She died later from the gunshot wound. The shooter, who suffered from mental illness, also killed his aunt and grandmother.
- Eight-year-old Jose Alvarado shot and killed himself with his mother's handgun that he found in their Pennsylvania home on January 8, 2010.
- Eleven-year-old Randy Reddick III was unintentionally shot and killed by his 10-year brother after the 10-year-old found his father's Glock pistol in the console of the family's pickup truck in Florida on February 27, 2010.
- Thirteen-year-old Jackson Binkley was shot and killed by his uncle in a multiple shooting in Tennessee on March 27, 2010.
- Thirteen-year-old Alexis Wiley was killed by an enraged motorist who shot at the car the girl's mother was driving in Texas on March 3, 2010.

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- Fifteen-year-old Cameron Maxwell was shot and killed by his father in a murder suicide in North Carolina on November 2, 2009.
- Fifteen-year-old Daniel Wayne McKinnon was shot and killed by his 22-year-old friend who was “dry-firing” his handgun while the two were riding in a pick-up truck in Alabama on January 8, 2008.
- Sixteen-year-old Ronald I. Scruggs II was shot and killed by Christopher Speight, 39, in a mass shooting of family members and friends in Virginia on January 19, 2010, that left eight victims dead.
- Sixteen-year-old Antwun Parker was shot six times and killed during a robbery attempt in Oklahoma on May 19, 2009. The shooter was found guilty of murder because the teen was unarmed, unconscious, and posed no threat to the shooter when he shot him the final five times in the stomach, killing him.
- Seventeen-year-old Jordan Davis was shot and killed by Michael Dunn, 45, in a dispute over loud music coming from the SUV the teen was sitting in at a Florida gas station on November 23, 2012.
- Seventeen-year-old Olivia Marchand was shot and killed by her father with a 9mm handgun in a murder-suicide in Massachusetts on February 1, 2010.
- Seventeen-year-old Jake Couture was shot and killed by James Matthew Menard, 23, after a quarrel involving a robbery in January 2010 in Florida.
- Seventeen-year-old Conner Maxwell was shot and killed by her father in a murder-suicide in North Carolina on November 2, 2009.
- Seventeen-year-old Brandon Colenburg was shot and killed with a .357 Magnum handgun in Missouri on July 1, 2009, by a man who mistook him for another youth who had robbed the shooter on a bus two months earlier.
- Seventeen-year-old Tyler Zimmer was shot and killed by a family friend in a multiple shooting in Michigan on September 29, 2008.