Youth Handgun Safety Act

The misuse of handguns is a leading contributor to juvenile violence.

Safety storing and securing firearms away from children will help prevent the unlawful possession of handguns by juveniles, stop accidents, and save lives.

Federal law prohibits, except in certain limited circumstances, anyone under 18 years of age from knowingly possessing a handgun, or any person from selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a handgun to a person under the age of 18.

A knowing violation of the prohibition against selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a handgun to a person under the age of 18 years is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

(4) A knowing violation of the prohibition against selling, delivering, or otherwise transferring a handgun to a person under certain circumstances, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

NOTE: ATF 1500.2 provides the complete language of the statutory prohibition and exceptions provided in 18 U.S.C. 922(x), and 5 U.S.C. 924(a)(6). The Federal firearms licensees possessing this sign will provide you with a copy of this publication upon request. Requests for additional copies of ATF 1500.2 should be mailed to the ATF Distribution Center, 1519 Calvin Branch Drive, Lanham, Maryland 20705-3816.