

Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission

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Maricopa County Trends:

- Increase in violence:
 - Increase in gun crimes
 - Drug rips – gun sale rips
 - Number of juveniles now deceased
- Group assaults: one against many
 - Aggravated assault – class 6 felony (capacity to resist is impaired)
 - Parents dealing with thoughts of what may have happened – death
- Parents getting their children to fight others or parents joining in fighting
- Increase in car thefts
 - Finding guns in the vehicle

Minor In Possession 13-3111

FY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Minor in Possession of Firearm	98	164	104	159	225	235
Minor in Possession of Firearm Amended M1	23	39	29	67	83	98
Total	121	203	133	226	308	333
% increase/decrease		67% +	35% -	70% +	36% +	8% +

Impact of social media

- Evidence in cases
 - Juveniles often video tape and share with others/post on social media
- Lack of geographic boundary lines
 - Traveling to commit crimes
 - Need for law enforcement agencies to communicate and collaborate
- Importance of law enforcement obtaining cell phones and search warrants
 - Preservation letters
- Enduring and everlasting impact on victims
 - Video taped and then posted to social media



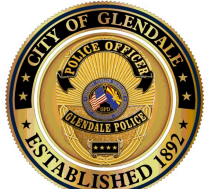
**Report,
Don't Repost!**



Your Voice Matters!

**Report Teen Violence to
Protect Our Community.**

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Open Communication & Collaboration

- Prosecution
- Courts
- Probation
- Defense
- Law Enforcement

MISSION STATEMENT

To **educate youth** on the risks and consequences of gun possession, empowering them to make informed, responsible choices that prevent gun violence, reduce crime, and enhance public safety.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Participation in this program will **consist of three main parts for youth to complete**, in addition to any other requirements from the Court or their assigned Probation Officer.

Project S.A.F.E. encourages youth to take responsibility for their choices and past mistakes, learn from these experiences, and look forward to a healthy, hopeful future free from further involvement in the justice system.

HOW TO HELP YOUTH BE SUCCESSFUL

Participation in this program helps your child start their journey toward a brighter, better future!

We want to help your child to succeed and make positive changes. Things that can be done to help:

- **Advocate** for your child to complete their online Journey.do modules.
- **Encourage** your child to participate in learning new skills that could one day save a life.
- **Reassure** your child that they'll receive real talk, from real people, not lectures.
- **Reinforce** and provide your child with the space to work through the program materials.
- **Support** your child with meeting program panelists who've been where they are and have turned their lives around.
- **Ask** questions - we're here to help your child.

GUN SAFETY RESOURCES

NEED A GUN LOCK?

Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department has cable gun locks available to families.

To **receive a FREE cable gun lock**, please visit our reception desk at:

- 3125 W. Durango Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85009
- 1810 S. Lewis St., Mesa, Arizona 85210

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Hotline for Mental Health Crises & Suicide Prevention

800-273-8255
1-800-273-TALK

<https://www.nami.org/Advocacy/Policy-Priorities/Responding-to-Crises/National-Hotline-for-Mental-Health-Crises-and-Suicide-Prevention/>

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988

<https://988lifeline.org/>



PROJECT S.A.F.E.

Safety Awareness & Firearms Education

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

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