

# Children in Illinois are At-Risk for Suicide

Many children and teens **struggle with mental health**

In Illinois, 8.4% of high school students **report attempting suicide**

Over half of all youth suicide deaths **occur by firearms**



## Suicide attempts involving firearms are more fatal.

Children who die by firearm suicide are more likely to live in homes with firearms and where firearms are unlocked and loaded or stored with ammunition.

### If You Have Firearms in Your Home

#### ALWAYS:

- Store ammunition and firearms separately
- Store firearms unloaded
- Use trigger locks, cable gun locks, or a secure gun safe
- Keep location hidden from children



It is safe to ask youth if they are thinking about suicide!

Asking will **NOT** put the idea into their heads.



Know the Warning Signs of Suicide and Save Their Life!

