



Woman gun club owner doubles down on safety education

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DAVENPORT, Iowa -- Jeanelle Westrom, the only female gun business owner in the Quad Cities, has launched a new campaign to educate the public about the risks of improperly stored firearms.

Three local teenagers have been shot in the last two weeks, and more than 73 guns reported stolen since the beginning of the year. The theft of weapons, and crimes potentially committed with them, could be reduced by citizens staying vigilant and properly securing their firearms.

"Self defense isn't just about being able to defend yourself and your family, but also making sure your means of self defense don't fall into the hands of someone who wishes to do harm," Westrom said.

Westrom owns and operates Davenport Guns and Shooting Club, a facility that houses the most modern indoor shooting range in the Quad Cities, and hosts seven personal safety and firearms handling classes. The newest of these classes, the Home Firearm Safety Course, educates students on what to do if they encounter an unattended firearm.

The Home Firearm Safety Course educates students how to unload and clear 12 of the most common firearm mechanisms, such as bolt action and break action. Retired Chief Petty Officer John Overstake, lead instructor of the Home Firearm Safety Course, emphasized that the class is specifically designed to teach people unfamiliar with firearms what to do if they encounter one.

"This country has five percent of the world population, but half of the firearms," Overstake said. "You have to know how to make an unattended firearm safe, especially if a child leads you to one."

Anyone who wishes to learn more about Home Firearm Safety can read the course description at the link below:
<https://www.davenportguns.com/classes/nra-home-firearm-safety/>

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Photo 1:

Carlton Creger, an instructor at Davenport Guns, teaches Robyn Ryan, a cosmetics business owner and model, proper pistol marksmanship at the Davenport Guns indoor shooting range in Davenport, Iowa, May 15. Ryan had just received her Iowa concealed carry permit. Davenport Guns offers firearm marksmanship training and education about gun safety for both shooters and non-shooters alike. (Photo by Ian Kummer, Davenport Guns, Released)



Photo 2:

Jeanelle Westrom, owner of Davenport Guns, shares a laugh with Ginny Caligliuri, a candidate running on the Republican ticket for Iowa's second district, at Davenport Guns, Davenport, Iowa, May 22. Westrom is the only female gun store owner in the Quad Cities area. (Photo by Ian Kummer, Davenport Guns, Released)



Photo 3

A couple take turns firing at Video Action Shooting Targets at the Davenport Guns indoor range, Davenport, Iowa, May 20. Davenport Guns offers marksmanship training, and firearm safety education, and just launched the Home Firearm Safety Course, which teaches people unfamiliar with guns how to safely unload and clear any weapons they find unattended. (Photo by Ian Kummer, Davenport Guns, Released)