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These figures omit cases of blindness or other serious injuries caused by children. They omit children victims of older persons. They omit intentional murders committed by children using other weapons than guns.

National totals from United States press agencies in recent years have been from 300 to 1200 cases annually but these include cases of children killed by older persons.

The numbers quoted here relate to the acts of children using guns. Five suicides and 42 other deaths, nearly all in one state.

Three children shot their fathers. Each case was one of intent. One child shot his grandmother. Eight shot brothers or sisters. The other fatal cases were playmates or neighbors or persons in the line of targets in back yards. One child was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder.

Too many children know where too many guns are kept in too many homes. Accident is the wrong name. Every case is one of gross carelessness of parents .

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