



Congratulations on taking the first step in teaching children an important safety message. The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program was first created in 1988 by reading and curriculum specialists, teachers, law enforcement, psychologists and other professionals. The program continues to evolve through the years, but its mission remains the same: teach children what to do if they ever come across a gun. You will find age appropriate activities to choose from that best meet the needs of children.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVE**

To teach children to follow a safety procedure if they see a gun:



### STOP!

This first step is crucial. Stopping first allows your child the time he or she needs to remember the rest of the safety instructions.



### Don't Touch

A firearm that is not touched or disturbed is unlikely to fire and otherwise endanger your child or other people.



### Run Away

This removes the temptation to touch the firearm as well as the danger that another person may negligently cause it to fire.



### Tell A Grown-up

Children should seek a trustworthy adult, neighbor, relative or teacher - if a parent or guardian is not available.

### **MATERIALS PROVIDED**

Instructor Guide

### Meet the Characters Handout

Group Activity

- Four Squares (graphic organizer)
- Certificate of Completion

### Letter to Families

Answer Key

### Kids' Activity Booklet

- Word Search
- Comic Strip
- Story Writing
- Letter Writing
- Maze
- Coloring Pages

### SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Crayons
- Markers
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Board
- Poster Board/Butcher Paper
- Blank Paper
- Additional copies of:
  - "Meet the Characters" Handout
  - Safety Poster
  - Certificate of Completion
  - Family Letter
  - Kids' Activity Booklet

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND MATERIALS**

Go to **www.eddieeagle.com**. This interactive kid-friendly website, known as the Eddie Eagle Tree House, features the eight-and-a-half minute video about Eddie and his friends, the Wing Team. Click "watch video" on the homepage to view the video. To receive a DVD, please email **eddie@nrahq.org**.

In addition to housing the Eddie Eagle video, the Tree House further reinforces Eddie's lesson with fun activities, sing-alongs and more. Children may explore the website on their own or with an adult's help.

A "grown-up" website is also available with additional information, including how to order materials. Visit **eddieeagle.nra.org** to learn more.





# **INTEGRATION OF CURRICULUM AREAS**

### **COMPREHENSION SKILLS**

- Use Eddie's lesson to reinforce the concept of asking and answering questions about the key topic of safety.
- Help students determine the main idea (what to do if you see a gun) then recall and play back the central theme or lesson: Stop! Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up.
- The Four Squares activity helps students organize messaging concepts.
- Use visual clues (such as Eddie's "stop" pose and details about what the other Wing Team members did) to remember key themes and ideas.
- Explain similarities or connections between characters and the actions or themes within the Eddie Eagle story.

### **SPEAKING AND LISTENING**

- Engage in discussion about Eddie and the Wing Team with classmates and adults in group discussions.
- Reinforce the concept of conversational skills such as listening and speaking one at a time.
- Participate in conversations by responding to comments made by others during back-and-forth discussions about Eddie, the Wing Team and safety.
- Ask questions about the concept of gun safety and safety in general.

### LANGUAGE

- Show understanding of English grammar and language when speaking and writing.
- Use appropriate capitalization, spelling and punctuation when writing.

### WRITING

- Write an original story about Eddie and the Wing Team to help reinforce the main message, practicing appropriate language, spelling and grammar.
- Use the main mantra (Stop! Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up.) to demonstrate understanding of ordering events in chronological order.
- Write narratives using words that signal action (such as: Stop! Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up.).
- Explain thoughts or feelings about finding a gun through original story writing.

### **FINE ARTS**

- Draw and illustrate Eddie and the Wing Team characters to encourage creativity and individuality.
- Draw a comic strip to reinforce the safety message. This also encourages creativity and individuality.
- The Eddie Eagle dance reinforces the lesson and encourages physical activity and body mobility.

• Real vs. pretend

### SUGGESTED VOCABULARY

• Challenge

• Lesson

- Character
- Danger or dangerous
- SafetyBrave

DareExpect





The following lesson plan is a suggestion for how to address Eddie Eagle's message. You have the freedom to adapt the lesson, activities, and timing to suit your needs and schedule. At the very least, please be sure to talk about safety and watch the eight-and-a-half minute Eddie Eagle video with students. The video and additional resources/suggested activities are available at **www.eddieeagle.com**.

### **STEP ONE: SAFETY DISCUSSION (10 MINUTES)**

Begin by having a broad discussion about safety topics. The goal is to get children to understand the concept of safety and begin thinking about what defines safe and unsafe situations. Explain to students that safety is taking actions to avoid getting hurt and finding a safe place free from harm or danger.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What do you think safety is?
- Who are some people that help keep you safe?
- What decisions have you made to be safe?
- What decisions could you make to be safe?

### STEP TWO: EDDIE EAGLE VIDEO (10-15 MINUTES)

Tell students that you are going to introduce them to someone who wants to help keep them safe. His name is Eddie Eagle. He and his friends have an important lesson to share. Introduce Eddie Eagle and the Wing Team using the handout provided (see page 5).

••We are going to watch a video about Eddie Eagle and his friends. They are getting together to play basketball when they find something. I wonder what it is? Let's watch and see what happens. Be sure to pay attention to how each character responds!

### The video duration is approximately 8:30. After the video, ask children:

- What was the main message?
- What did the Wing Team find?
- What did they do?
- What are the four things that Eddie told his friends to do when they found a gun?

### Additional Discussion Questions:

- What happened in this story?
- Who was your favorite character and why?
- Why did Eddie Eagle tell his friends to stop, don't touch, run away and tell a grown-up?
- What is the difference between a gun in a video game and a real gun?
- What would you do if you found a gun?





Either during or after your discussion, have students stand up and sing the "Stop, Don't Touch" song and perform the accompanying motions exhibited by the characters in the video. A sing-along version of the song is available at **www.eddieeagle.com**.



### **STEP THREE: STUDENT ACTIVITIES (10-25 MINUTES)**

Use these activities to further review and explain Eddie Eagle's main lesson. Do as many or as few as time allows. You may choose to complete activities as a group, assign as individual work or provide take home assignments to encourage discussion with families. More fun is available at **www.eddieeagle.com**.

### **GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Group activities can be found in the back of this guide on pages 6 and 7.

### Option 1: Four Squares (10 minutes)

This graphic organizer helps students categorize and organize the main themes, ideas and information from the Eddie Eagle video. Use the handout provided or recreate the handout by drawing four squares on a dry erase board. As a group, children should help fill each box with one of the four parts of Eddie's safety message. Then use words or pictures that describe the main idea to fill each square. For example, in the first box you should write "stop," and children could draw a picture of a stop sign, or write a phrase to expand on the idea, such as "stop playing in that area."

### Option 2: Group Poster Making (20 minutes)

You may choose to use the handout provided or give students a piece of poster board/butcher paper. Have each group create and decorate a poster about Eddie's GunSafe® message. Once complete, have the groups present their posters to the rest of the class. Hang the posters in the classroom or school.

### **INDIVIDUAL AND TAKE HOME ACTIVITIES**

Individual and take home activities can be found in the Kids' Activity Booklet. A separate answer key is also available. Activities include:

• Word Search

Letter Writing

Comic Strip

• Maze

Story Writing

Coloring Pages

### **STEP FOUR: CERTIFICATE AND LETTER HOME (5 MINUTES)**

When you've completed the Eddie Eagle lesson, present each student with an official "Certificate of Completion," provided in the back of this guide. If you do not choose to have children write an original letter home (see Kids' Activity Booklet), send home the provided letter (located in the back of this guide) and encourage students to continue the conversation about gun safety with their families.





## **MEET THE CHARACTERS**







**FIONA FALCON** 



**GARY GOOSE** 



MAYA GUACAMAYA



**HOWIE HUMMINGBIRD** 



MR. EAGLE



**MRS. FALCON** 



**OFFICER WINGMAN** 



Instructions: Use this graphic organizer to summarize the main ideas from the Eddie Eagle video. (HINT: Think about the song you learned and questions the Wing Team got answered.)



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# IF YOU SEE A GUN ... STOP DON'T TOUCH RUN AWAY TELLA GROWN-UP







# CERTIFICATE

# COMPLETION

Awarded to

STOP! Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up. Thanks for being Wing Team smart! Remember, if you see a gun ... I'm proud of you!



# **DEAR FAMILIES,**

Your children learned an important safety message today. If they ever come across a gun, they know what to do:



This gun safety message was delivered through a short, animated video featuring Eddie Eagle and the Wing Team.

Please take a few minutes to discuss the video and its important message with your children. The program offers both a kid-friendly website with activities and a parent website with detailed information. Please visit **www.eddieeagle.com** to learn more.

### Congratulations to your children for being Wing Team smart!

In safety,

Edic Eagle + the Wing Team





# **WORD SEARCH ANSWER KEY**

Instructions: Complete the word search. Words are horizontal and vertical.

G	Α	R	н	U	Ι	0	L	Ν	В	
R	E	А	С	S	R	L	F	Μ	Е	EDDIE EAGLE
т	D	Μ	Ν	т	U	U	R	Y	С	FIONA
Α	D	F	I	0	Ν	Α	Т	D	W	HOWIE
L	I.	в	Е	Ρ	А	0	Е	0	Z	GARY
S	Е	U	С	R	W	G	N	N	J	MAYA
L	Е	F	V	G	А	D	D	т	I	SAFETY FIRST
0	А	х	А	Ρ	Y	н	S	т	Е	WING TEAM
Y	G	S	W	0	R	J	A	0	G	DON'T TOUCH
M	L	A	U	L	Q	W	L	U	R	SMART
										FRIENDS
Y	E	F	J	1	Y	K	0	С	0	POLICE
G	Y	E	Ν	С	Ρ	Н	R	Η	W	RUN AWAY
Е	R	т	Μ	Ε	т	V	В	D	Ν	STOP
С	Е	Υ	S	Μ	Α	R	Т	R	U	GROWN UP
Т	S	F	F	Т	U	Е	С	н	Ρ	
R	Х	Т	Α	Η	0	W	I	Ε	Е	
т	С	R	D	т	L	А	к	Т	Μ	
Ν	н	s	G	Α	R	Y	L	J	А	
А	Ν	т	W	F	н	Ν	в	N	Y	
С	W	I	Ν	G	т	Е	Α	Μ	А	
Т	Y	U	1	V	F	D	E	A	L	



Instructions: You've disocovered a gun, now find your way through the maze to tell a grown-up!

