

# TEDDY BEARS HAVE TO MEET CONSUMER HEALTH & SAFETY STANDARDS

**1** At least four types of federal safety standards cover teddy bears: sharp edges and points, small parts, hazardous materials, and flammability.

**2** From 1994 to 1997, eight models of teddy bears were recalled by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission due to possible choking hazards. The total number of teddy bears manufactured during this period was more than 750,000.

**3** Teddy bears killed no one in the United States in 1997. From 1994 to 1997 there were 71 toy-related deaths in the United States.



## BUT GUNS DON'T!

**1** There are no federal safety standards for the domestic manufacture of firearms.

**2** No federal health and safety agency has the authority to recall defective firearms or force changes in design.

**3** Guns killed 32,436 people in the United States in 1997. From 1994 to 1997 there were 140,938 gun-related deaths in the United States. In 1997, for every time a firearm was used by a civilian to kill in self-defense, there were 4 unintentional deaths, 43 criminal homicides, and 75 suicides involving firearms.

## THE SOLUTION

The Firearms Safety and Consumer Protection Act would end the gun industry's deadly exemption from health and safety regulation. Only then will America experience a meaningful reduction in firearms violence.

