

Toddlers shot 23 this year

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Last week, a Milwaukee toddler fatally shot his mother after finding a handgun in the backseat of the car they were riding in. The case drew a lot of national attention given the unusual circumstances: Little kids rarely kill people.

But this type of thing happens more often than you might think. Since April 20, there have been at least seven instances in which 1-, 2-, or 3-year-olds shot themselves or somebody else in the United States:

▶ On April 20, a 2-year-old in Indiana found the gun his mother left in her purse on a counter and fatally shot himself.

▶ The next day in Kansas City, Mo., a 1-year-old evidently shot and killed herself with her father's gun as he slept.

▶ On April 22, a 3-year-old in Natchitoches, La., fatally shot himself.

▶ On April 26, a 3-year-old in Dallas, Ga., fatally shot himself in the chest with a gun he found at home.

▶ On April 27, the Milwaukee toddler fatally shot his mother in the car.

▶ That same day, a 3-year-old in Michigan shot himself in the arm with a gun he found at home. He is expected to survive.

▶ On April 29, a 3-year-old shot herself in the arm after grabbing a gun in a

parked car in Augusta, Ga. She is also expected to survive.

Last year, a Washington Post analysis found that toddlers were finding guns and shooting people at a rate of about one a week. This year, that pace has accelerated. There have been at least 23 toddler-involved shootings since Jan. 1, compared with 18 over the same period last year.

In the vast majority of cases, the children accidentally shoot themselves. That's happened 18 times this year, and in nine of those cases the children died. Toddlers have shot other people five times this year. Two of those cases were fatal.

Georgia is home to the highest number of toddler shootings, with at least eight incidents since January 2015. Texas and Missouri are tied for second place with seven shootings each, while Florida and Michigan are tied for fourth, with six shootings apiece.

Sussing out cause and effect is still largely a guessing game. And it's made more difficult by Congress' efforts to restrict the type of gun research that agencies are allowed to conduct. Until 2004, for instance, the CDC routinely asked Americans about whether they stored guns at home, and whether they made a habit of locking them up. That's no longer the case.

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