



Big Brothers Big Sisters Firearms/Weapons Policy and Acknowledgement

While some adults possess weapons for hunting and/or protection purposes, it is the policy of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) that all agency volunteers agree:

1. To inform BBBS of the ownership of weapons or the presence of weapons in the home. BBBS staff will discuss the ownership of weapons during the volunteer's interview and/or home assessment, and update that status for the life of the match. For purposes of this policy, "weapons" may include all firearms, zip guns, knives (except for kitchen knives that are not used or intended for use as a weapon or to inflict bodily injury) and explosive devices.
2. To ensure that weapons and ammunition are inaccessible to the child assigned to you by BBBS and to any other child participating in a BBBS activity, while the child is under your supervision. A Volunteer who owns firearms and stores them at his/her residence or any other location will lock the weapons in a safe or install trigger locks whenever a Little is at or near the storage area. Ammunition must be stored separately from firearm, or it can be locked in a safe with the firearm.
3. To adhere to the policy that a volunteer will not carry a handgun or weapon (even if volunteer has a "concealed carry license") at any time while accompanying the child assigned to you by BBBS or accompanying any other child participating in a BBBS activity (with the exception of law enforcement officers who are required to carry a weapon at all times and have received prior approval from BBBS).
4. To understand that BBBS will disclose to the parent or guardian of the child assigned to you by BBBS the agency's weapons policy and the volunteer's admission of weapon ownership or the presence of a weapon in the home. The parent/guardian and the volunteer will sign an acknowledgement of the ownership of a weapon and the form will be kept in the child's permanent file.
5. To obtain written permission from the child's parent/guardian and from BBBS before engaging in any activity in which a weapon may be used with the child assigned to you by BBBS or with any other child participating in BBBS activities.
6. To abide by any other policy or procedure that BBBS may put into effect regarding weapons.

As a volunteer, **I understand and agree** to abide by the Weapons Policy of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Please select items that apply to you:

- I DO OWN A WEAPON** and said weapons are licensed, permitted, registered, and handled in accordance with all applicable Indiana Laws and federal laws.
- I DO NOT OWN A WEAPON.**
- A WEAPON IS PRESENT** in my household.
- A WEAPON IS NOT PRESENT** in my household.

I agree to keep any weapons and ammunition inaccessible to the child assigned to me by BBBS while he/she is in my custody, unless on a specifically approved match activity, such as hunting trip, a gun safety course, etc.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____

BBBS Staff Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ understand that the volunteer assigned to my child by BBBS does/does not own a weapon and that a weapon is/is not in the home of the volunteer.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____