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In this study, I examined the causes of weapon delinquency using data from 318 residents of the Indiana Boys School. Respondents completed rating items assessing weapon related delinquency, perceptions of parental control, and a number of other factors that have previously demonstrated an effect on delinquency. The results indicate that parental control variables, previous expulsions, and gang membership have statistically significant positive associations with a weapon scale generated from the survey. The weapon delinquency scale is composed of responses to questions regarding carrying weapons other than guns, carrying guns, using weapons in crime, and firing guns at others. The analysis implies that parental controls are important components in reducing the risk of weapons delinquency.