

Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee

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OUR MISSION

The Alliance for Gun Responsibility works to end the gun violence crisis in our community and to promote a culture of gun ownership that balances rights with responsibilities. Through collaboration with experts, civic leaders, and citizens, we work to find evidenced-based solutions to the crisis of gun violence in our community. We create innovative policy, advocate for changes in laws, and promote community education to reduce gun violence.





WHAT IS THE ALLIANCE?



501c4: The Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Legislative advocacy | Policy development | Accountability



501c3: The Alliance for Gun Responsibility Foundation

Public Education | Research | Implementation | Community Engagement



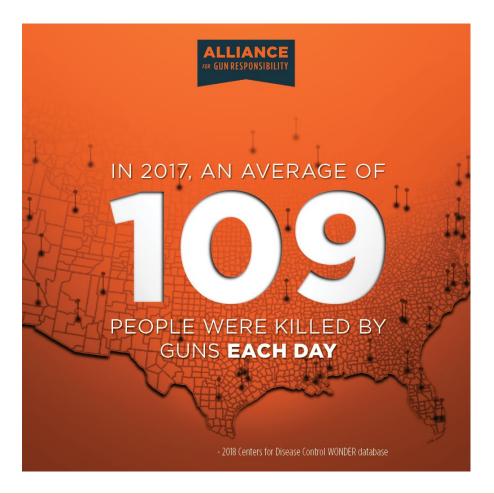
PACs: The Alliance for Gun Responsibility Victory Fund and Federal Victory Fund

Direct Candidate Support



GUN VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.

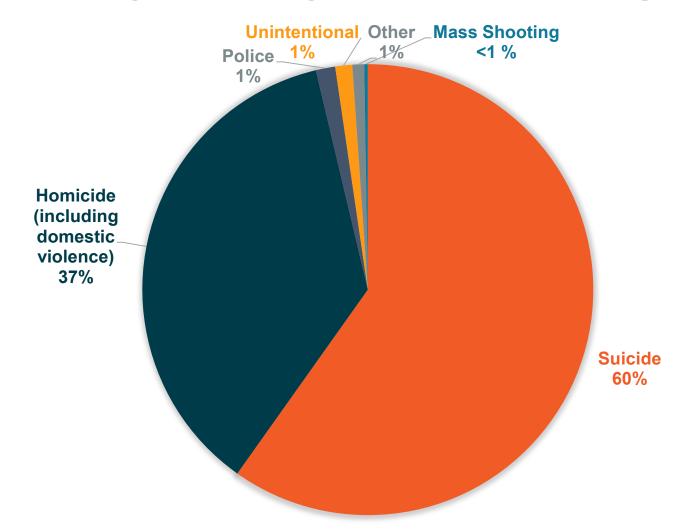
- On an average day, more than 100 people are shot and killed in the U.S.
- More than 600,000 people have died as a result of gun violence since Columbine.
- More than 215,000 students have survived a school shooting since Columbine.
- Mass shootings, despite the media attention they receive, only account for about 1 percent of all gun deaths.
- Far more people are shot and survive than are killed after being shot; estimates suggest nearly three times as many.







GUN VIOLENCE IN THE U.S

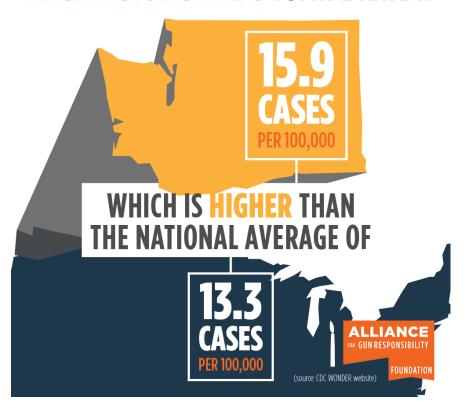




GUN VIOLENCE IN WA

- In Washington, a person is killed with a gun every 14 hours on average.
- Nearly 12,000 people have died as a result of gun violence in Washington since Columbine.
- In 2017, **849 people died** as a result of gun violence in Washington.
- 75 percent of all gun deaths in Washington are suicides.
- In King County, young people (ages 18-24) are most likely to die by firearm homicide, while older adults (65+) are most likely to die by firearm suicide.

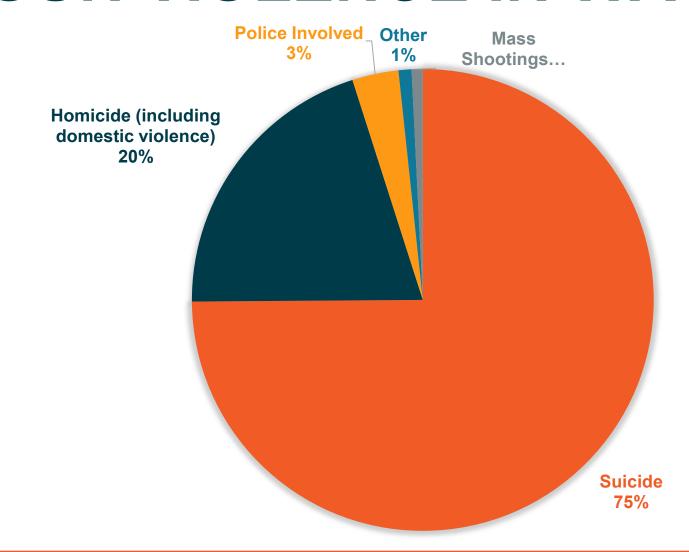
WASHINGTON STATE'S SUICIDE RATE IS







GUN VIOLENCE IN WA





PROGRESS AT THE BALLOT



In 2014, Washington voters closed the background check loophole in Washington state.



In 2016, Washington voters established Extreme Risk Protection Orders, which empower law enforcement and family members to keep guns out of the hands of individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others.



In 2018, Washington voters strengthened rules for purchasing semi-automatic assault rifles and established a safe storage provision.



PROGRESS IN OLYMPIA

TEN GUN RESPONSIBILITY PRIORITIES PASSED IN 2019

- Keeping Guns Out of Dangerous Hands.
 Updating protection orders, suicide prevention measures, and more.
- Keeping Dangerous Firearms and Accessories Off Our Streets. Prohibiting 3D-printed, untraceable guns.
- Research, Education, and Training. Funding gun violence research.
- **Systems Updates.** Streamlining background checks, ERPOs, and more.





IMPLEMENTATION

The Alliance works closely with law enforcement and local government to implement gun laws, most notably with the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit.

- The RDVFEU recovered nearly 600 firearms in 2018—a 400 percent increase from 2017.
- Almost 200 of those firearms recovered were a result of extreme risk petitions.
- It is estimated that for every 10-12 firearms retrieved by an ERPO, one suicide is prevented.



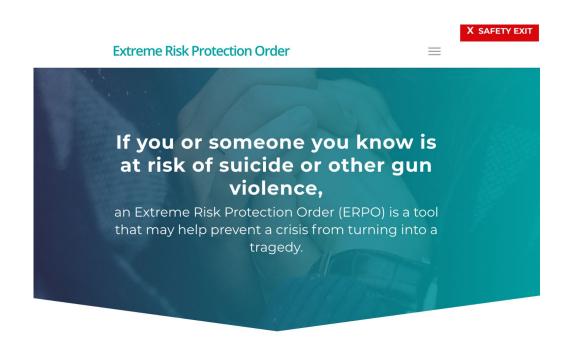


EDUCATION

Public education and resource development: We partner with national and local groups to develop informational resources about gun laws.

Final

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EDUCATION

Summits: We convene subject matter experts, law enforcement, and advocates to discuss the intersectionality of gun violence and a number of other issues.









COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Education to Action: Work with young people to be part of the legislative process. Helped create a student bill of rights!

Community partnerships: Working with organizations like Community Passageways and Choose 180 to support and connect with communities most impacted by gun violence.

Intern and fellow program: Introduce a diverse group of students and community members to the Alliance.



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Since the Alliance's founding,
Washington state has led the nation in
passing commonsense gun violence
prevention measures. The policies
passed here, from expanded
background checks to Extreme Risk
Protection Orders, serve as a model for
leaders at the state and federal level
working to end the epidemic of gun
violence.



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