



Sowers of Justice Newsletter

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Sowers of Justice
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U. S. Data from the Children's Defense Fund www.childrensdefense.org

**A child or teen dies or is injured from guns every 30 minutes.
18,270 children or teens died or were injured from guns in 2010.**

**More children and teens die from guns every three days than died in the Newtown massacre.
2,694 children and teens died from guns in 2010.**

Between 1963 and 2010, an estimated 166,500 children and teens died from guns on American soil, while 52,820 soldiers were killed in action in the Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars combined.

**Nearly three times more children and teens were injured by guns in 2010 than the number of U. S. soldiers wounded in action that year in the Afghanistan war.
An estimated 15, 576 children and teens were injured by guns in 2010. 5,247 U. S. soldiers were injured in the Afghanistan war in 2010.**

**Guns kill more children under five than kill law enforcement officers in the line of duty.
82 children under five died from guns in 2010, compared to 58 officers killed in the line of duty.**

The U. S. has more than ten times the rate of gun deaths in children and teens than other high income countries – 67 times the rate in the U. K., and 13 times the rate in France.

More than one in five teens has witnessed a shooting. The number is thought to be much higher among low income children.

Black, Hispanic, and American Indian and Alaska native children and teens are disproportionately likely to die or be injured by guns.

Two thirds of gun deaths in children and teens are homicides and a little over 1/5th are suicides. Among non-fatal gun injuries, a little more than 3/4ths result from assaults and 1/5th from accidents.

Gun facts

A gun in the home increases the risk of homicide, suicide, and accidental death.

Many children live in homes with loaded and unlocked guns. Every parent and grandparent needs to be careful where their children play. Ask if there is a gun in the house.

Guns make violence more deadly.

Virtually anyone can buy a gun without a background check.

Common sense gun safety laws can reduce gun violence while protecting the legal use of guns.

Universal background checks will not lead to a registry of gun owners.

Loopholes in gun safety laws have prevented them from being very effective in the past.

We would know even more about what works to prevent gun violence if the NRA hadn't blocked funding for gun violence prevention research since 1966.

Common sense gun safety regulations protect lawful ownership and use of guns.

The majority of Americans, including gun owners and NRA members, support common sense gun regulation.

The NRA has actively prevented enforcement of current gun safety laws.

The NRA represents a small minority of gun owners.

Armed guards and teachers will not necessarily make children safer but may jeopardize the futures of some children.