

Nearly 40,000 gun-related deaths occurred in the United States in 2018.

Gun violence has lasting effects.

Gun violence is related to:

- suicide
- domestic violence
- accidents
- mass shootings
- crime

Survivors and witnesses may experience:

- grief
- survivor's remorse
- mental or physical trauma
- anxiety
- PTSD



As physicians and women, AMWA declares that gun violence is an urgent public health issue, requiring effective, evidence-based, and common-sense solutions.

"We lose eight children and teenagers to gun violence every day. If a mysterious virus suddenly started killing eight of our children every day, America would mobilize teams of doctors and public health officials. We would move heaven and earth until we found a way to protect our children. But not with gun violence."

- Elizabeth Warren, A Fighting Chance



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GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION



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Gun violence is a public health issue.

Every year, 30,000 Americans die from firearm injuries and 70,000 Americans are injured. Firearms are the second biggest killer of children in the US, responsible for 3000 child deaths each year; more children die from firearms than from cancer. In 2016, 1800 women were murdered by men; the most common weapon used was a gun. More than 20,000 Americans die of suicide by gun each year.



Gun deaths are preventable

Stronger laws, increased public awareness of gun safety, and advanced safety technology are all elements of a comprehensive approach to the epidemic of gun violence.

What We Can Do

There are several ways to join the fight against gun violence.

Act Nationally

Call and email your U.S. Representatives and Senators. Make it personal – share how this impacts you and why it matters to you.



Find your representatives!



Find your senators!



Use this sample letter template (or write your own!)



Sign this petition in support of the Background Check Expansion Act!

Act Locally

- Start your own petition and have fellow classmates and schoolmates sign on! You can start a petition for free on *Change.org*, *iPetition*, and more!
- Organize/participate in demonstrations, rallies, and protests.
- Start social media campaigns!
- Fundraise to donate to gun-control organizations.

THE TOP FIVE DEADLIEST MASS SHOOTINGS IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS.

- **Las Vegas, 2017**
 - 58 casualties, 851 injuries
- **Orlando Nightclub, 2016**
 - 49 casualties, 53 injuries
- **Virginia Tech, 2007**
 - 32 casualties, 23 injuries
- **Sandy Hook Elementary, 2012**
 - 27 casualties, 2 injuries
- **Sutherland Springs Church, 2017**
 - 26 casualties, 20 injuries

Each of these mass shootings were carried out using *semi-automatic assault weapons*.

