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An Important  
Tool to Keep our  
**Community Safe.**

# **When Someone is in Crisis.**

**Prolonged sadness**

**Changes in mood or behavior**

**Hopelessness**

**Sleep problems**

**Withdrawing/isolation**

**Aggression or agitation**

**Increase in risk-taking behavior**

**Increased alcohol or drug use**

**Talk of killing themselves or harming others**

# Does Your Loved One Have Access to a Gun?

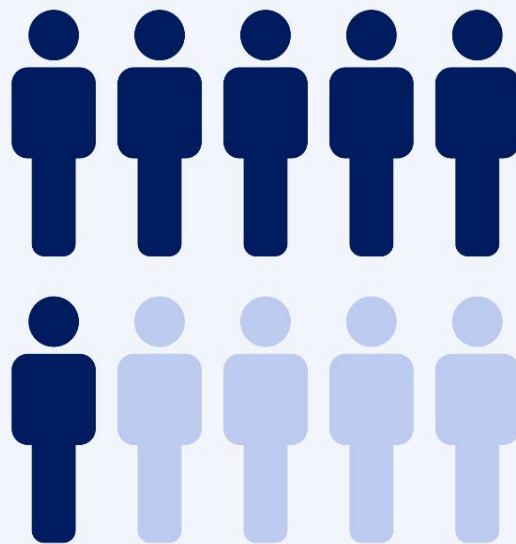
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# Facts About Firearm Suicide.

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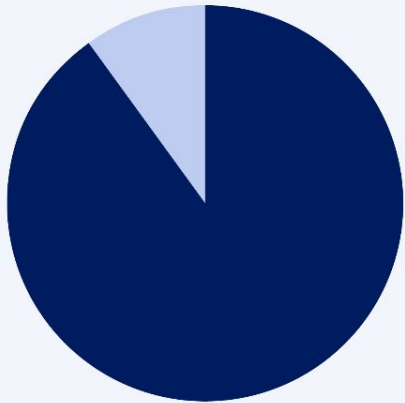
More than **26,000** people die by gun suicide annually in the US.

Suicides account for the majority of gun deaths each year—**nearly 6 out of 10**.



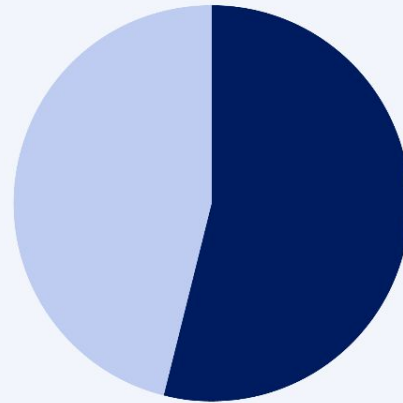
# Facts About Firearm Suicide.

It is uniquely lethal.



**90%** of suicide attempts with a gun end in a death.

Andrew Conner, Deborah Azrael, and Matthew Miller, "Suicide Case-Fatality Rates in the United States, 2007 to 2014: A Nationwide Population-Based Study," *Annals of Internal Medicine* 171, no. 2 (2019): 885–95, <https://doi.org/10.7326/M19-1324>.



**54%** of all suicides in the US involve a gun.

Everytown Research analysis of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. WONDER Online Database, Provisional Mortality Statistics, Multiple Cause of Death (accessed September 1, 2024). Average: 2019 to 2023.

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# What Can You Do?

When someone you love is in crisis, it's scary—especially if you've tried to talk to them, support them and get them to accept help.

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But there is one thing  
you can do to protect  
them; **prevent them  
from getting their  
hands on a gun until  
the crisis passes.**

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# Extreme Risk Protection Order

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# About Extreme Risk Protection Orders:

Issued by a court if someone is found to be at **significant risk** for harming themselves or someone else with a gun.

**Temporarily prohibits** the person from possessing and purchasing guns.

Requires the **person's firearms to be temporarily held** by law enforcement or a third party while the order remains in effect.

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# About Extreme Risk Protection Orders:

Emergency intervention

Temporary

Due process

Do not result in criminal record

Are not reliant on a mental health diagnosis

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# Real-Life Scenarios.

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# Deciding if You Should Take Action.

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# How it Works:

In Minnesota, **a law enforcement officer, city or county attorney, or family or household members** may file a petition for an extreme risk protection order. If you fall into one of these categories, you can file the application directly with the district court in the county where the individual lives. You must share **why you think the person is a risk to themselves or others**.

The court may issue an **emergency extreme risk protection order** that restricts a person's access to firearms before the person has been notified of the petition, and before a full hearing is held. A temporary extreme risk protection order lasts for 14 days.

The person is notified of a hearing date within 14 days.

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# How it Works:

At the hearing, the court decides whether to issue a **final extreme risk protection order**.

If, after reviewing all of the evidence at the hearing a court issues the order, the person will be **prohibited from purchasing and possessing guns** for the duration of the order. The person's firearms are to be held by law enforcement or a licensed gun dealer for as long as the order is in effect and they will not be able to pass a background check to buy new guns.

A final extreme risk protection order can last between six months and one year.

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# What Happens Afterward?

Any time within three months before the order is set to expire, a law enforcement officer or a family or household member may ask the court to renew the order.

Once the order expires, the person will get their guns back and can legally buy and possess new ones, unless they are prohibited from possessing guns for another reason.

**The order does not result in a criminal record.**

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# Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

1st major federal gun safety law of the century

## **SUPPORTING STATE EXTREME RISK LAWS**

States can apply for their share of the \$750 million in new funding to implement Extreme Risk Laws.

## **STRENGTHENING THE BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM**

State agencies can prepare to respond to new background checks for young people.

## **COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS**

Local governments and community-based organizations can apply for the new \$250 million in grant funding to build community violence intervention programs.

## **FUNDING SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCES**

State agencies can use the new \$300 million in grant funding for education about secure gun storage, threat assessment programs, and school security and emergency planning.

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# Protection for Your Loved Ones & Their Rights.

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# **If You or Someone You Know is in Crisis,**

the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7 connection to free, confidential support anywhere in the US. **Call or text 988 or chat at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)**

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# Questions?

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