

WHY LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES DON'T BELONG IN OUR COMMUNITIES

WHY IT MATTERS:

Large capacity ammunition magazines take a gun from a dangerous weapon to a weapon capable of mass murder. Large capacity ammunition magazines hold up to 100 bullets, allowing a shooter to fire a gun for an extended period of time without reloading – significantly increasing the lethality of the firearm.

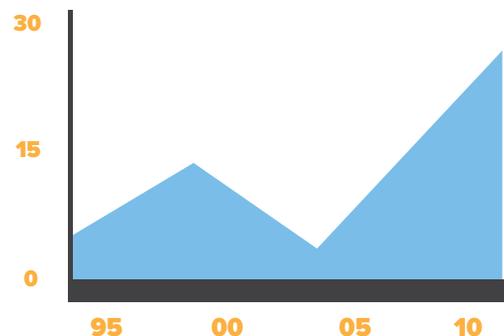
For example, James Holmes, the shooter who killed 12 and injured 58 in Aurora last summer came to the movie theater prepared to harm. Using an assault weapon and a large capacity ammunition magazine that held 100 bullets, Holmes was intent upon killing as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time.

Fortunately, Holmes' magazine jammed and he wasn't able to continue shooting – using only a fraction of his firepower. Even without the full 100 rounds, Holmes was able to commit the largest mass shooting in American history.

By limiting the number of bullets in a magazine to 10 rounds, we can protect our communities from those intent upon killing many, without restricting the needs of hunters or sportsmen.

THE DETAILS:

- Large capacity magazines are frequently used in mass shootings, including those which occurred in Aurora, Tucson, Columbine, Virginia Tech, Fort Hood, and Newtown.
- The seconds required to reload bullets into a gun provides the time for law enforcement to intervene and victims to escape a dangerous situation. When large capacity magazines are used, a gunman can shoot at a group of people for a longer time before someone can diffuse the situation, often resulting in more injuries and deaths.



Fact:

During the federal assault weapons ban, the Virginia State Police saw a clear decline in the percentage of crime guns with large capacity magazines, reaching a low of 10% in 2004. After Congress failed to renew the ban, that percentage steadily climbed; by 2010, nearly 22% of crime guns in Virginia had large capacity magazines.

**WE CAN PROTECT OUR PUBLIC SPACES FROM THOSE INTENT UPON
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TECH, AND NEWTOWN BY REMOVING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION
MAGAZINES FROM OUR COMMUNITIES.**

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