

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN IDAHO

Idaho's weak gun laws endanger its residents, particularly those at risk for suicide. Legislators owe it to their constituents to take proactive measures to save lives from gun violence.

GUN SUICIDE

- More than 87% of gun deaths in Idaho are suicides, and 61% of all suicide deaths in Idaho involve firearms.
- From 2013 to 2017, 1,056 people in Idaho died by gun-related suicide. That's one every 42 hours.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- Nearly 54% of Idaho's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.
- From 2007 to 2016, 31 women were killed with a gun by their intimate partner in Idaho.

TRAFFICKING

- Because of the state's weak gun laws, guns are purchased in Idaho and trafficked to states with stronger gun laws, where they end up in the hands of criminals and people unable to pass a background check.
- From 2013 to 2017, 2,417 guns originally purchased in Idaho were recovered after being used in crime in other states.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 364 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Idaho.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Idaho children ages 1-17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN IDAHO

Idaho weakened its already minimal gun laws in 2018 by adopting dangerous Stand Your Ground legislation, which removes an individual's responsibility to retreat before using deadly force in self-defense in public. To save lives from gun violence, Idaho should **pass universal background checks and repeal policies like permitless carry and Stand Your Ground that encourage the reckless use of lethal force.** The state should also require licenses for firearm dealers and regulate unsafe handguns. **Learn more about Idaho's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/ID.**



Idaho earned an F on our Annual Gun Law State Scorecard. Visit gunlawscorecard.org to learn how to raise your state's grade.

ANNUAL COST OF
GUN VIOLENCE:

**\$1.2
BILLION**

\$723 PER RESIDENT



36 HOURS

Someone is killed with a gun every 36 hours in Idaho. That's 242 people every year.