

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN **NORTH DAKOTA**

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

GUN SUICIDE

- Nearly 87% of gun deaths in North Dakota are suicides, and nearly 60% of all suicide deaths in North Dakota involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 680 people in North Dakota died by gun-related suicide.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- 50% of North Dakota's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.

TRAFFICKING

- Because of the state's weak gun laws, guns are purchased in North Dakota 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, 989 guns originally purchased in North Dakota were recovered after being used in crime in other states.

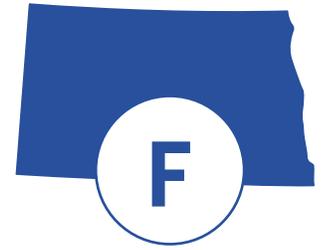
YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 164 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in North Dakota.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for North Dakota children ages 1-17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota passed no significant gun safety legislation in 2018 and still lacks even the most fundamental of gun safety laws. Local governments in North Dakota typically don't have the authority to regulate firearms and ammunition, though local law enforcement does have some discretion in issuing concealed carry licenses. To save lives from gun violence, the state should **require background checks for all gun sales, impose concealed carry permitting, and implement an extreme risk protection order law.** [Learn more about North Dakota's gun laws at lawcenter.giffords.org/ND.](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/ND)



North Dakota 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:

**\$421
MILLION**
\$598 PER RESIDENT



4 DAYS

Someone is killed with a gun every four days in North Dakota. That's 93 people a year.