

THE STATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN WYOMING

Wyoming's weak gun laws put its residents at risk, 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 86% of gun deaths in Wyoming are suicides, and more than 63% of all suicide deaths in Wyoming involve firearms.
- From 2008 to 2017, 886 people in Wyoming died by gun-related suicide.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Guns make domestic violence incidents far more likely to end in death.
- 70% of Wyoming's intimate partner homicides involve a gun.

TRAFFICKING

- Because of the state's weak gun laws, guns are purchased in Wyoming 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, 1,287 guns originally purchased in Wyoming were recovered after being used in crime in other states.

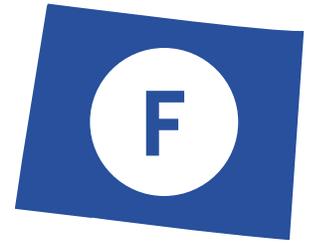
YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUNS

- Exposure to gun violence can cause lasting trauma in young people, leading to PTSD, chronic stress, and decreased future earnings.
- From 2008 to 2017, 178 people under age 25 were killed with a gun in Wyoming.
- Guns are the second-leading cause of death for Wyoming children ages 1-17.

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PROVEN SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN WYOMING

Wyoming failed its residents in 2018 by enacting a dangerous Stand Your Ground law and passing legislation allowing people with concealed carry permits to carry firearms in places of worship. The state has some of the weakest gun laws in the nation and a correspondingly high gun death rate. Wyoming could save lives from gun violence by **imposing waiting periods on gun purchases, requiring safe storage of firearms, and enacting an extreme risk protection order law.** [Learn more about Wyoming's gun laws at \[lawcenter.giffords.org/WY\]\(http://lawcenter.giffords.org/WY\).](#)



Wyoming 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:

**\$545
MILLION**

\$948 PER RESIDENT



4 DAYS

Someone is killed with a gun every four days in Wyoming. That's 104 people a year.