

FACTS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Talking points:

From January 1st to March 31st of 2018, there have been 54 U.S. mass shootings and more than 1600 since Sandy Hook. Mass shootings are defined as 4 or more people shot in 1 incident, not including the shooter. Source www.gunviolencearchive.org also has national and state statistics.

Every year, 116,255 people in America are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, or by police intervention, and 35,141 of them die. www.BradyCampaign.org

Contrary to opinions that mental illness is a cause of gun violence, mass shootings by people with serious mental illness represent just 1 percent of all gun homicides each year, according to the book [“Gun Violence and Mental Illness”](#) published by the American Psychiatric Association in 2016.

“More often it is the conditions in which people live and the inequities related to socioeconomic status, race, and gender that increase the risk for experiencing or perpetrating violence and leave certain populations more vulnerable to violence and its consequences.” – CDC publication “Preventing Multiple Forms of Violence”

Gun safety measures work to save lives. From 1993 to 2013 California’s firearm mortality rate declined by 56.6 percent after important gun laws went into effect in the early 1990s. See state laws and rankings, statistics, and legislative analysis at www.giffords.org

According to the CDC and the Prevention Institute, *“Strong family support and non-violent problem-solving skills have been shown to be protective against almost all forms of violence.”* CDC 2014 publication, [Connecting the dots: An overview of the links among multiple forms of violence](#). The Peace Alliance is dedicated to creating a culture of peace by addressing root causes of violence by education and championing evidence-based peacebuilding legislation and policies at every level of society. Gun safety and peacebuilding legislation, resources, and inspiration are available at www.PeaceAlliance.org

Additional Resources for information and allies to lobby with:

Statewide gun violence prevention and advocacy: <http://ceasefireusa.org/affiliates/>

Statistics and list of local affiliates: www.BradyCampaign.org

National/state statistics: www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/firearm_mortality/firearm.htm

Action options, info, connection to other groups: www.everytown.org

Action options, info: www.MomsDemandAction.org (Local group info sent after joining online.)

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence action options and policy development: www.csgv.org

Newtown Action Alliance for info, action options: www.alliance.NewtonAction.org

National Institute of Justice research, effective program info, speaker videos, grant info: <https://nij.gov/topics/crime/gun-violence/pages/welcome.aspx>

Library of self-education and legislative advocacy information: www.StopHandgunViolence.org

Gun violence statistics, prevention programs, advocacy tips: www.SandyHookPromise.org

