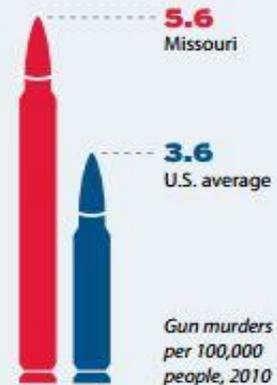


GUN VIOLENCE

**NOW IS
THE TIME
TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT GUN
VIOLENCE.**

As of 2010 Missouri had the fourth-worst gun-murder rate in the nation, 56 percent higher than the national average



NCJW endorses and resolves to work for laws, policies, and programs to restrict and regulate firearms and prevent gun violence. We support measures to: require all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, including closing the private sale loophole; ban military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and make gun trafficking a federal crime. These common-sense proposals would close deadly gaps in our gun laws and ensure law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to detect and deter gun trafficking.

Require criminal background checks for gun sales.

Background checks are the only systematic way to stop felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people from buying firearms. Current federal law only requires background checks for gun sales at licensed dealers. In the US, an estimated 40% of gun transfers take place without going through a licensed dealer, including online and at gun shows.

Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

Military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines are designed to kill large numbers of people quickly, and have no other use in civilian hands. Today, even people with criminal records, among other potentially dangerous individuals, can and do buy assault weapons from unlicensed private sellers who don't conduct background checks.

Make gun trafficking a federal crime and increase public safety.

Every year, tens of thousands of guns find their way into the hands of criminals through illegal trafficking channels. However, there is no clear and effective statute that makes gun trafficking a federal crime. Prosecutors who want to combat traffickers are forced to rely on a weak law that prohibits "engaging in the business of selling guns without a federal license," which carries the same punishment as trafficking chicken or livestock. This law simply isn't strong enough to close trafficking networks and keep illegal guns off our streets.

What to Do Next:

Call your legislator TODAY and tell them to:

- Require background checks for every gun sale.
- Close the gun show loophole.
- Prevent convicted stalkers and abusers from acquiring guns.
- Oppose Open and Conceal Carry Laws in Missouri.
- Work to maintain the ban on guns on college campuses.

Stricter gun laws

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