

GUN VIOLENCE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS

By the numbers....



America's gun homicide rate is **25x** higher than most other developed countries'.

Missouri's gun-murder rate is **56%** higher than the national average.



50 women are shot to death a month in the U.S. by their intimate partners, on average.

50% of gun homicide victims are Black, despite Black people only making up 13% of U.S. population.



114,994 Americans are shot every year.

7 children are killed with guns in the U.S. every day.

THE ANNUAL COST OF GUN VIOLENCE IS \$229 BILLION.

WHAT TO DO

CALL YOUR REPS

Tell your federal legislators:

- Require background checks for every gun sale.
- Close the gun show loophole.
- Work to maintain the ban on guns on college campuses.

Tell your state legislators:

- Prevent convicted stalkers and abusers from acquiring guns.
- Oppose Open and Conceal Carry Laws in Missouri.

VOLUNTEER

Every year at the Back to School Store, NCJW STL partners with Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice to distribute gun locks. In 2016, we distributed a record 188! Sign up to staff the booth.

Sources: Everytown, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice

NCJW STL BELIEVES THAT...

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

Background checks are the only systematic way to stop people who shouldn't have guns from buying guns. Current federal law only requires background checks for gun sales at licensed dealers, but an estimated 40% of gun sales take place without going through a licensed dealer in the U.S., including online transfers and transfers at gun shows. 90% of Americans support universal background checks, so it's time our government enforces them.

ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES MUST BE BANNED.

Military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines are designed to kill large numbers of people quickly. Today, anyone can buy an assault weapon from an unlicensed private seller without a background check, including those with criminal records.

GUN TRAFFICKING SHOULD BE A FEDERAL CRIME.

Every year, tens of thousands of guns find their way into the hands of dangerous people through illegal trafficking channels. 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," a law that carries the same punishment as trafficking chickens or livestock. This law simply isn't strong enough to close gun trafficking networks.

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