

Media Toolkit

About

The Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions at the Bloomberg School of Public Health envisions a country where all people live free from gun violence. We address gun violence as a public health emergency by conducting objective, rigorous research and driving effective solutions to save lives and promote health equity.

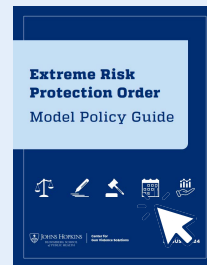
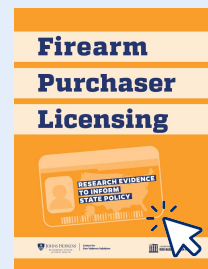
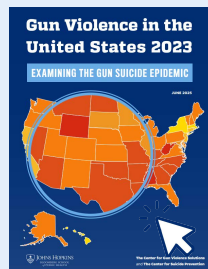
Our team uses all the tools of public health including research translation and communication, community engagement, legal and policy advocacy, implementation, training and technical assistance, and direct patient care to make research work in the real world. Home to some of the nation's leading gun violence prevention experts, our objective public health research powers effective gun violence prevention advocacy.

Latest Gun Violence Data

- 46,728 people died from gun violence in 2023, the third highest total ever recorded
- Someone is killed by a gun every 11 minutes in the United States
- 27,300 people died by firearm suicide –the highest number ever recorded
- Nearly six out of every 10 gun deaths were suicides



You can always find the Center's latest research and reports on our website.



Research and Reports

These 5 Save Lives

We prioritize five public health approaches proven to save lives.

-  **Firearm Purchaser Licensing:** Requires a permit to buy a firearm. The purchaser licensing process should include a waiting period, safety training, and an enhanced background check.
-  **Regulation of Public Carry of Firearms:** Limit the ability to carry concealed firearms in public. Prohibit open carry near sensitive locations.
-  **Risk-Based Firearm Removal Laws:** Temporarily prohibit access to firearms for people who pose a risk of violence to themselves or others using Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs).
-  **Safe and Secure Storage of Firearms:** Storing a firearm unloaded and locked helps keep them from falling into the wrong hands.
-  **Community Violence Interventions:** Support funding to strengthen programs that can reduce gun violence in the most impacted communities, including communities of color that have suffered from long-standing disinvestment.



Leadership Bios



Cass Crifasi, PhD, MPH - Co-director

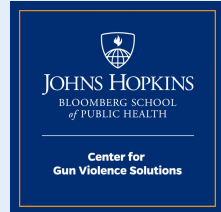
Studies how evidence-based policies and programs can reduce violence and improve safety.



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Works to reduce gun violence by utilizing public health research and analysis to build advocacy campaigns that meet critical opportunities in the policy development process.

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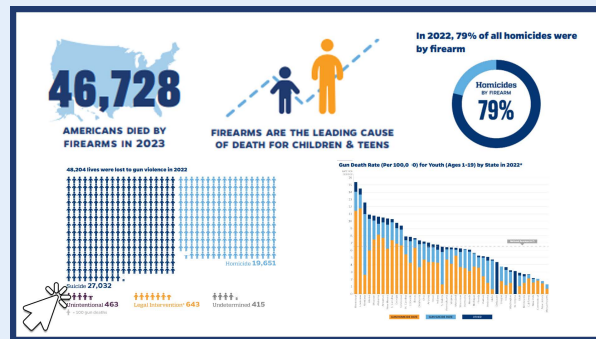
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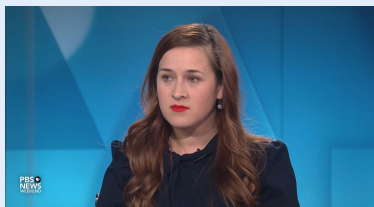


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