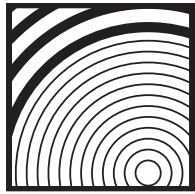


To reduce injuries and deaths by gun violence, we must make it more difficult for felons, fugitives, young people, and the mentally ill to obtain guns. Legislative options include, for example, requiring that guns be sold only to people who pass a background check and requiring that guns be stored in a way that prevents access by children.

We urge you to contact your legislators and ask them to act now to make Oregon a safer place. You can find out who your legislators are and how to contact them by visiting www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr.



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Ceasefire Oregon is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization working to prevent gun violence in Oregon. If you'd like to help with this work, please call 503.220.1669 or send an email message to info@ceasefireoregon.org.

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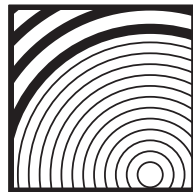
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You can help reduce gun violence. Here's how:

- ◆ If you have a gun that you want to keep, store it unloaded and locked in a gun safe. Lock up ammunition separately.
- ◆ If you have a gun that you don't want, get rid of it safely. Visit www.ceasefireoregon.org/coef/turnin.html for details.
- ◆ ASK if there are guns where your children play and, if so, whether they are stored safely. Visit www.portlandasks.org.
- ◆ Write to your legislators and urge them to vote for legislation that will reduce gun violence.
- ◆ Send us your email address, so we can send you information and email alerts.
- ◆ Volunteer. We need all kinds of volunteers. Tell us how you'd like to help.
- ◆ Make a generous financial contribution to Ceasefire Oregon or the Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation.

Contributions to Ceasefire Oregon are not tax deductible because our primary function is to work on behalf of or against proposed laws. Contributions to the Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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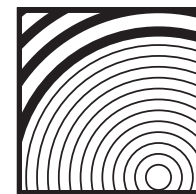
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Shielding Families From Gun Violence

Every year in the United States, 30,000 people die by gunfire, 56% by suicide. And every year more than 64,000 people in the United States are treated in hospital emergency rooms for nonfatal firearm injuries.

Gun violence in this country is a public health crisis of staggering proportions. Why don't our legislators take this problem seriously and try to do something about it?

This brochure summarizes Oregon's laws (or the lack thereof) regarding policies that some other states have implemented to prevent gun violence. As you'll see, Oregon has room for improvement.



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Gun Policy	Oregon Law	Gun Policy	Oregon Law	Gun Policy	Oregon Law
Assault weapons	Oregon does not limit the sale or possession of military-style semiautomatic assault weapons, like the AK47 and Uzi.	License to carry a concealed handgun	The county sheriff must issue a license to carry a concealed handgun to anyone who meets the statutory requirements in ORS 166.291, except that the license may be denied "if the sheriff has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant has been or is reasonably likely to be a danger to self or others, or to the community at large," based on the factors set forth in ORS 166.293(2). As of late June 2008, 101,641 Oregonians had licenses to carry concealed handguns.	Minimum age to purchase or possess	Oregon law prohibits anyone under age 18 from possessing a firearm unless possession would otherwise be lawful and (1) the gun is not a handgun and was transferred with the minor's parent's consent, or (2) the minor possesses the gun temporarily for a lawful purpose. ORS 166.250. Oregon law prohibits the sale or transfer of a firearm to anyone under age 18, with the same exceptions. ORS 166.470. Federal law prohibits federally licensed firearms dealers from selling a handgun to anyone under age 21. 18 USC § 922(b)(1).
Background checks	Oregon law requires a prospective purchaser to undergo a background check before buying a gun at a gun show. ORS 166.438, 166.434. Federal law requires a background check for purchases from federally licensed firearms dealers. 18 USC §§ 922(s), 922(t). Background checks are not required for sales by other sellers not at gun shows, e.g., sales through newspaper ads and over the Internet. Those sellers, however, may voluntarily request a background check before selling a firearm. ORS 166.436.	License to purchase or possess a gun	Oregon does not require anyone to obtain a license or undergo any safety training before buying or possessing a firearm.	Registration	Oregonians are not required to register their firearms. (Without registration data, it's more difficult for police to trace guns used in crime, locate illegal gun traffickers, and hold gun owners accountable for their guns.)
Ballistic fingerprints	Oregon does not require a gun's ballistic fingerprint to be taken before the gun is sold.	Local gun laws	In 1995 the Oregon legislature took from Oregon communities their broad authority to regulate guns and thereby reduce gun violence in their neighborhoods. With a few narrow exceptions, Oregon law now prohibits cities and counties from enacting local gun ordinances. ORS 166.170–166.176.	Safety standards	Oregon does not require that guns meet any safety standards.
Child access prevention (CAP)	In Oregon it is not a crime to leave a loaded gun where children can get it and fire it.			Waiting period	Oregon imposes no "cooling off" period between buying a gun and taking possession of the gun.
Child safety locks	Oregon does not require guns to be sold with any locking device or technology to prevent unauthorized access to the gun.				