

Gun violence is an enormous public health problem.

Each year in the United States, nearly 30,000 people die by gunfire, 57% by suicide. Each year more than 64,000 people in the United States are treated in hospital emergency rooms for nonfatal firearm injuries. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System, available at www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars.)

Gun violence is an enormous public health problem in this country. Why don't your legislators take this problem seriously and try to do something about it?

Gun violence can be addressed legislatively in many different ways, from prohibiting the sale of semiautomatic assault weapons, to requiring guns to be sold with child safety locks, to requiring that guns be sold only to people who pass a background check.

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 lots of room for improvement.

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.

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.

Sources

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), available at www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws.

Legal Community Against Violence, www.lcav.org/states/oregon.asp.

Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, www.bradycampaign.org.

Brady determined Oregon's grades.

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

- ◆ If you own a gun, store it unloaded and locked in a gun safe. Lock up ammunition separately.
- ◆ ASK if there are guns where your children play and, if so, whether they are stored safely.
- ◆ Write to your legislators and urge them to vote for legislation that will reduce gun violence. You can find your legislators' contact information at www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr.
- ◆ Send us your email address, so we can send you information and email alerts.
- ◆ Volunteer. We need all kinds of volunteers, including office assistants, fundraisers, grant writers, event planners, people to help with mailings, and people to speak to community groups. You name it, we need it. Tell us how you'd like to help.
- ◆ Make a generous financial contribution to Ceasefire Oregon or the Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation.

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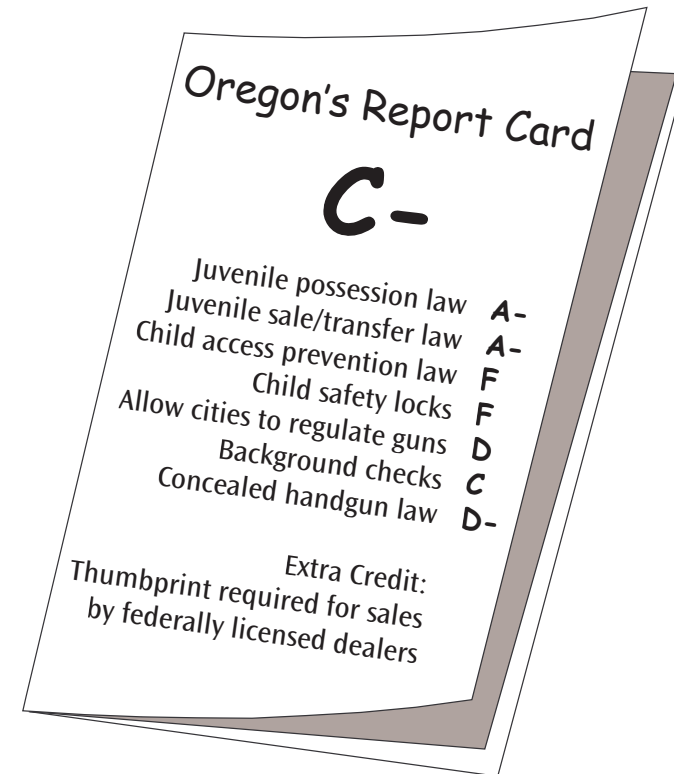
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Laws Shielding Families From Gun Violence



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	Oregon is a "shall issue" state, meaning that if an applicant meets the minimal statutory requirements, the county sheriff must issue the person a license to carry a concealed handgun. ORS 166.291. The sheriff has no discretion to deny the license. As of January 2, 2007, 93,399 Oregonians had licenses to carry concealed handguns.		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.			Trafficking	In Oregon people can buy an unlimited number of guns every day. So gun traffickers can easily buy large quantities of cheap handguns and resell them to criminals on the street.
Child safety locks	Oregon does not require guns to be sold with any locking device or technology to prevent unauthorized access to the gun.	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	Waiting period	Oregon imposes no "cooling off" period between buying a gun and taking possession.