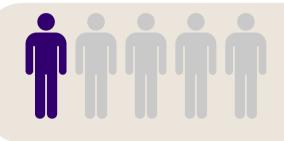
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Firearms in the US: Quick Facts

Every single day in the United States:

people are shot and



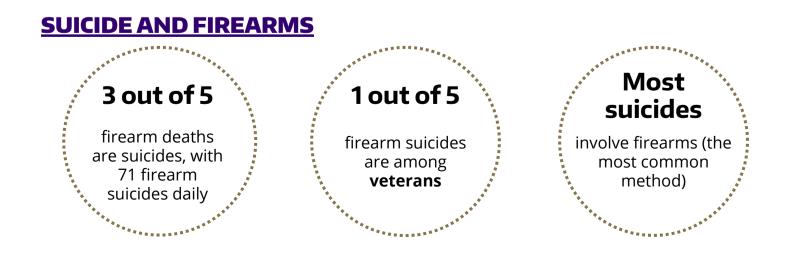
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1 in every 5 Americans report having a family member who has been fatally shot.

die from firearm injuries

CHILDREN AND FIREARMS

Since 2020, are the leading cause of death for children	23 children are shot every day
Over 2,300 children are killed by firearms every year	4.6 million children live in homes with unsecured firearms



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WASHINGTON STATE FIREARM STORAGE FACTS



of WA households who have firearms do not store them **locked** and **unloaded**.

U.S. FIREARM STORAGE FACTS



of all firearm owners who store their firearms unsecured do so for **quick access for self-defense.** (Anestis et al., 2024)

3 in every 4 of firearms used in **youth** suicides were **stored unlocked**. (Lee et al., 2022)

Those who store their firearms locked, unloaded, and/or ammunition stored separately are less likely to die by firearm suicide. (Shenassa et al. 2004; Grossman, 2005)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Firearm laws and guidelines are constantly changing. For additional and up-to-date resources for understanding the impact of firearms in Washington State and the U.S. please visit:



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