PREVENT HANDGUN VIOLENCE AGAINST KIDS

A handgun is produced every 20 seconds in America... and they are put to use on our kids.

Kids And Handguns

- 10 kids are killed everyday by handguns.
- A kid commits suicide every 8 hours, using a handgun.
- More kids are killed by handguns than car crashes.

California Facts About Gun Violence (1992)

- More Californians died from gun-shot wounds than in car crashes.²
- 37% of firearm-related deaths were young people aged 10-25.³
- 72% of homicides, 22% of aggravated assaults, and 38% of robberies were committed with a firearm.⁴
- 1,960 suicides were committed with firearms; 16% of all gun suicide deaths involved young people between the ages of 10 and 25.⁵
- Californians legally purchased an average of 1,000 handguns daily.⁶

Costs of Gun Violence

- In the U.S., the societal cost of firearm injuries was $20.4 billion in 1990.⁷
- $1.4 billion for emergency, hospital, medical and rehabilitative care.
- $1.6 billion for lost productivity due to illness and temporary and permanent disability.
- $17.4 billion for lost productivity due to premature death.

- A 1985 analysis showed that California accounted for approximately 12% of all firearm injuries nationally.⁸ ⁹
- The average cost for one hospitalized gunshot wound patient is $33,000.¹⁰
- 80% of the medical costs for firearm injuries are paid for by tax payers.¹¹


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5CA Dept. of Health Services, Microcomputer Injury Surveillance System. 1991 Mortality Data.

6Average derived from the Automated Firearms system DROS county by county 1986 through March 1993.


