



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 Handguns¹

- 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

¹Pacific Center for Violence Prevention Analysis, May 1994.

²CA Dept. of Health Services, Death Records. Microcomputer Injury Surveillance System. 1992 Mortality Data.

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⁴CA Department of Justice, Crime and Delinquency in California, 1992. Sacramento: CA Dept. of Justice, 1993.

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.

⁷Max W, Rice DP. Shooting in the dark: estimating the cost of firearm injuries. Health Affairs. 1993; 12 (4): 171-185

⁸Martin MJ, Hunt TK, Hulley SB. The cost of hospitalizations of firearm injuries. JAMA. 1988; 260 (20): 3048-3050.

⁹California Dept. of Health Services. Vital Statistics of California, 1985. Sacramento, CA. September 1987.

¹⁰Rice DP, MacKenzie EJ, and Associates. Cost of injury in the United States: A report to Congress. San Francisco, CA: Institute for the Aging, University of California and Injury Prevention Center, The Johns Hopkins University, 1989.

¹¹Wintemute GJ, Wright MA. Initial and subsequent hospital costs of firearm injuries. The J of Trauma. 1992; 33: 556-560.