



Enact Meaningful Gun Legislation

The American Nurses Association (ANA), representing the voice of more than 3.6 million registered nurses, is committed to preventing and reducing gun violence.

As the largest single group of health care professionals, nurses are increasingly caring for those victimized by gun violence and forced to confront the physical and emotional consequences of these senseless acts.

In recent years, our country has endured unspeakable acts of violence. Easy access to guns is the common thread in each of these mass-casualty tragedies.

At an alarming rate, registered nurses, in emergency departments and clinics across the country, are being called upon to care for victims of mass shootings, homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings.

Over the years, ANA has consistently called on lawmakers to take strong action against the growing trend of gun violence in our nation, including:

- Banning assault weapons
- Enhancing background check systems
- Enacting mandatory waiting periods
- Combatting the epidemic as a public health and safety issue

ANA believes that in addition to these important actions, we need research to develop meaningful, evidence-based prevention strategies critical to ending gun violence.

ANA strongly urges you to repeal language blocking the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from conducting gun violence research and provide appropriate funding to examine the causes and prevention strategies for gun violence.