

## FAST FACTS ABOUT SUICIDE

Firearms are used in more suicides than homicides every year, and nearly 66% of all gun deaths are suicides. From 2014-16, suicides made up the largest number of firearm deaths.



A person is more likely to commit suicide if there is a gun in his or her home. States where it is common to own a gun have 3.8 times more suicide deaths than do states where gun ownership is less common.

Guns are used in more than half of the completed suicides in the US every year.



Firearms are lethal, especially when used in suicide attempts. Approximately 85% of attempted firearm suicides result in death, while less than 3% of suicides by drug overdose result in death.

Approximately 90% of people who have survived a suicide attempt do not subsequently die in suicides. Means Matters, so blocking access to firearms to those at risk can save lives.

# 90%

States that require a waiting period for the completion of handgun sales have 27% fewer suicides per capita and 51% fewer firearm suicides.



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