

KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE

The **Colorado Coalition Against Gun Violence** elected to focus on four issues in the 2019 legislative session to address gun violence and Keep People Safe. These proposals have strong support from Colorado voters across political parties.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders

Empower families and law enforcement to prevent gun tragedies by temporarily reducing access to firearms for individuals who are at an elevated risk of endangering themselves or others.

- Evidence-based approach – determined by behaviors, not diagnoses.
- Suicide prevention – Duke University study of Connecticut data found one suicide prevented for every 10-20 extreme risk warrants issued.
- Supported by 81% of Colorado voters, including 77% of gun owners.

Lost and Stolen Guns

Require gun dealers to implement security procedures during non-business hours to reduce gun thefts and require gun owners to report lost and stolen firearms in a timely manner.

- Stolen guns are often diverted into the illegal gun market where they are used in crimes in Colorado and recovered at crime scenes in other states.
 - Requiring the reporting of lost or stolen guns Increases gun owner responsibility:
 - Prevents straw purchases
 - Reduces gun trafficking
 - Provides a check against lying for those who fall into prohibited categories
- Supported by 87-88% of Colorado voters- 81-82% of Republicans and 88% of Households with guns.

Violent Misdemeanor Prohibition

Prohibit possession of firearms by persons who have been arrested for a violent misdemeanor crime or a bias-motivated crime for a period of years after conviction.

- Persons with a demonstrated propensity to commit violent acts are the ones most likely to recommit.
- In California study, purchasers with violent misdemeanors were as much as 15 times more likely as those with no criminal record to be arrested for robbery and aggravated assault.
- Denying violent misdemeanants the purchase of a handgun reduces their risk of committing a new violent or firearms-related crime by at least 25%.
- Supported by 79% of Colorado Voters, including 73% by Republicans and 80% Households with guns.

Standards for Concealed Carry Classes

Provide minimum standards for all classes that would be recognized for concealed carry permits including live fire and an emphasis on teaching safe use and storage of firearms.

- Current statute requires “demonstration of competence with handgun,” but not “live-fire.”
- Thorough training requirements help ensure that only well trained individuals are permitted to carry concealed firearms in public places. And promotes safety.
- Supported by 90% of Colorado Voters – 85% Republican support and 91% Households with guns.

By a 4-to-1 margin, 72% of Colorado voters say they would be more likely to vote for their state legislator if they found out that their state legislator supported these proposed gun laws.

Experts rank several of these proposals high for reducing mass shootings and gun deaths.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/05/upshot/how-to-reduce-mass-shooting-deaths-experts-say-these-gun-laws-could-help.html>

The Extreme Risk bill will be introduced first. Discussions are underway with a number of legislators on the other proposals. **Let’s ask our State Senators and Representatives to be bold and Keep People Safe!**

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