


NATIONAL
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND
FIREARMS
RESOURCE CENTER

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**Why Firearms Restrictions in
Domestic Violence Cases?**

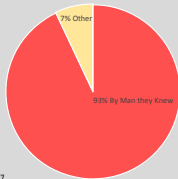


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Not by Strangers

In the United States 93% of women murdered are killed by a man they knew.



When Men Murder Women, Violence Policy Center, 2017

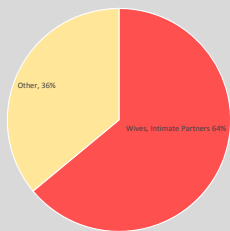


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Of these, 64 percent were wives or intimate acquaintances of their killers.

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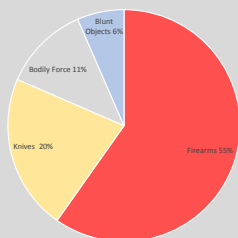


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Firearms Account for Over Half

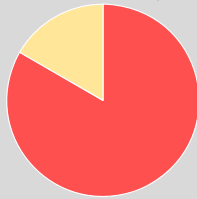
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The Presence of a Firearm Makes Domestic Violence Fives Times More Likely to be Lethal



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Follow-Through and Enforcement Lacking

- Federal law prohibits possession or acquisition of firearms by domestic abusers. 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(8) & (9)
- In addition, many states require surrender of firearms, or else authorize seizure following imposition of domestic violence injunction or conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence (“MCDV”). Giffords Law Center
- In many communities, these laws are not effectively implemented.



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Enforcement of Existing Laws

- Recent research suggests that *actively enforcing* firearm surrender laws results in a reduction of female intimate partner homicides. Zeno, et al 2017

https://www.preventdgunviolence.org/news/study_suggests_greater_reudctions_in_iph_possible.html



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National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center

MISSION

- Provide Technical Assistance in the Development and Implementation of Firearms Prohibitions
- Provide Unified Voice on Issues Related to Domestic Violence and Firearms



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Our Partners

The Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
The National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit
The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
The International Association of Chiefs of Police
Dr. April Zeoli, Michigan State University
National Network to End Domestic Violence/Womenslaw.org
The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
AEquitas: A Prosecutor's Resource on Violence Against Women
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Some Work to Date

Enhancing Victim Safety: National Forum on Firearms and Domestic Violence, May, 2015

A Convening on Domestic Violence and Firearms: Issues for Tribal Communities, January 2017

In-house and Public Browsing Libraries of forms, research and original articles and legal research

Built a website (twice)

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What the Resource Center and Website Offer

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Consultation
- Information
- Crisis Response



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Technical Assistance

- In-depth and hands-on assistance to local communities requesting assistance in implementing or improving firearm restriction protocols
- Individually-tailored consultations, including training of local stakeholders
- All aspects surrounding the issue, including planning, collaboration, problem-solving, logistics



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Training

- National, Regional and Local Trainings
- Regularly-scheduled webinars highlighting research and model programs
- Focused primarily on implementation of existing laws restricting access to guns by abusers as well as effective strategies for removing firearms from abusers
- Dates, Times and Registration information available through the Safer Families, Safer Communities website, and our newsletter (must subscribe)



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Consultation

- Online or by phone
- Answers
- Referrals
- Suggested Best Practices



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- Information
The Safer Families, Safer Communities website offers current and archived information on emerging trends and recent news on efforts to reduce domestic firearm violence around the country through:
- Quarterly e-newsletters
- Articles
- Community spotlights
- Webinars
- Trainings
- Interactive Library (legal authorities, research, sample forms)



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Crisis Response Technical Assistance

- Safer Families, Safer Communities is dedicated to reducing and ultimately eliminating domestic violence involving firearms
- Until that goal is achieved, we anticipate that more tragedies will occur.
- Crisis Response to local tragedies is available in two forms:
 - Planning for Unexpected Tragedies
 - Immediate Response in the Aftermath

Contact Safer Families, Safer Communities for more Information

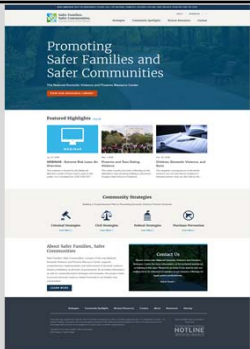


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Safer Families, Safer Communities Website



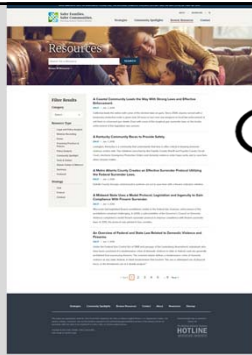
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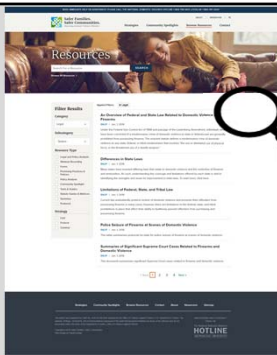


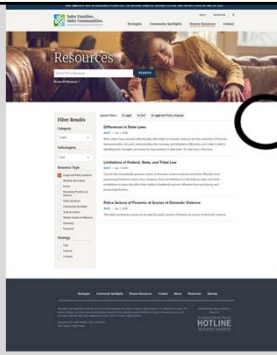
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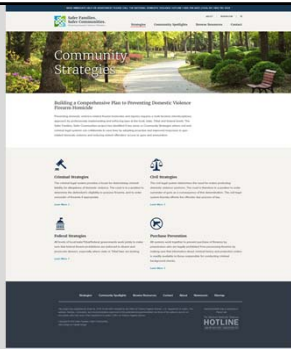
Resources Library

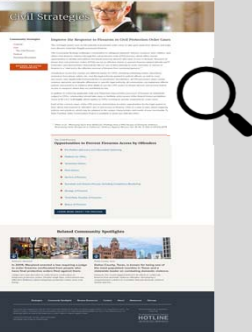




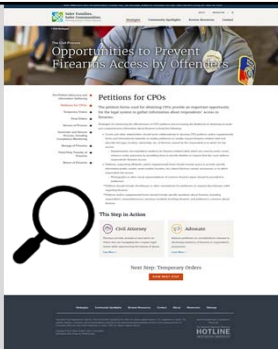


Community Strategies






Petition for CPO



Steps for Advocates


This Step in Action

 **Advocate**

Disclosure of the existence of firearms in respondent's possession may expose petitioner to greater danger. The primary consideration should be the petitioner's safety, and her subjective viewpoint of what makes her safest should be paramount.

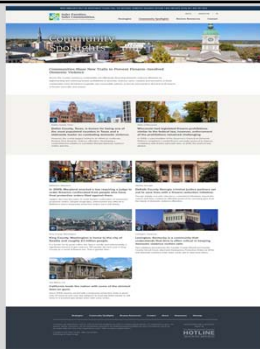
Step Checklist

- ✓ Determine existence of firearms
- ✓ Inform the court of issues related to weapons
- ✓ Object to conflicting provisions either within the existing order or with another existing court order
- ✓ Seek enforcement through civil contempt or criminal charges for violations

 **Civil Attorney**
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Community Spotlights





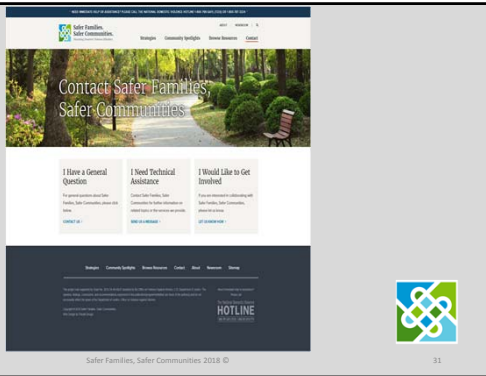
King County, Washington

King County, Washington is home to the city of Seattle and roughly 2.1 million people.

It is known for its great coffee, the Space needle and unfortunately a significant amount of gun violence. 130 people die each year in King County as a result of firearm use. That is greater than...



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