

# FIREARM SUICIDE



**997**

The average number of gun suicides in PA. The majority of gun deaths are suicide.



**90%**

Firearm suicide is fatal 90% of the time. Other methods, less than 40% end in death.



**93%**

The vast majority of Pennsylvanians who die from suicide are white.

While firearms are used in a small percentage of suicide attempts, they make up a significant majority of fatalities. The result: firearms are responsible for more than 900 suicides every year in Pennsylvania.

Most suicide attempts occur during a moment of crisis such as a lost of job, relationship challenges, economic struggles or other emotional challenges. When a gun is used in these moments, a second chance for life rarely exists because it's fatal 9 out of 10 times. The state's failure to limit access and create a pause, is costing lives.

## MORE FACTS



80% of people give warning signs that they are considering suicide. These are most likely to be noticed by family members or friends.



Home access to a firearm triples the suicide risk because having a method at hand that is so fateful can turn a momentary crisis into a life ending one.



The danger of gun ownership extends beyond the owner. For every 10% increase in home ownership, youth suicide increased 27%.



States that have laws requiring guns to be stored securely saw an 11% decrease in overall suicide rates. Pennsylvania doesn't have that law.



The vast majority of survivors say the time between suicidal thoughts and the attempt is less than 24 hours. A pause gives time for them to get help.

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