



Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club

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City of Seattle



★ MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS ★ www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org



*A well regulated Militia, being
necessary to the security of a
free State, the right of the
people to keep and bear Arms,
shall not be infringed.*

Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



The Challenge

**The Second
Amendment
right to keep
and bear arms**



**The obligation of
the community to
set reasonable
standards to
protect public
health and safety**

VS.

The 4-WAY Test

1. Is it the ***TRUTH***?
2. Is it ***FAIR*** to all concerned?
3. Will it build ***GOODWILL*** and better ***FRIENDSHIPS***?
4. Will it be ***BENEFICIAL*** to all concerned?

Gun Violence in America



What is gun violence?

Gun Violence in America

Firearms are the second leading cause of traumatic death related to a consumer product in the United States and are the second most frequent cause of death *overall* for Americans ages 15 to 24.

Since 1960, more than a million Americans have died from firearm related suicides, homicides, and unintentional injuries

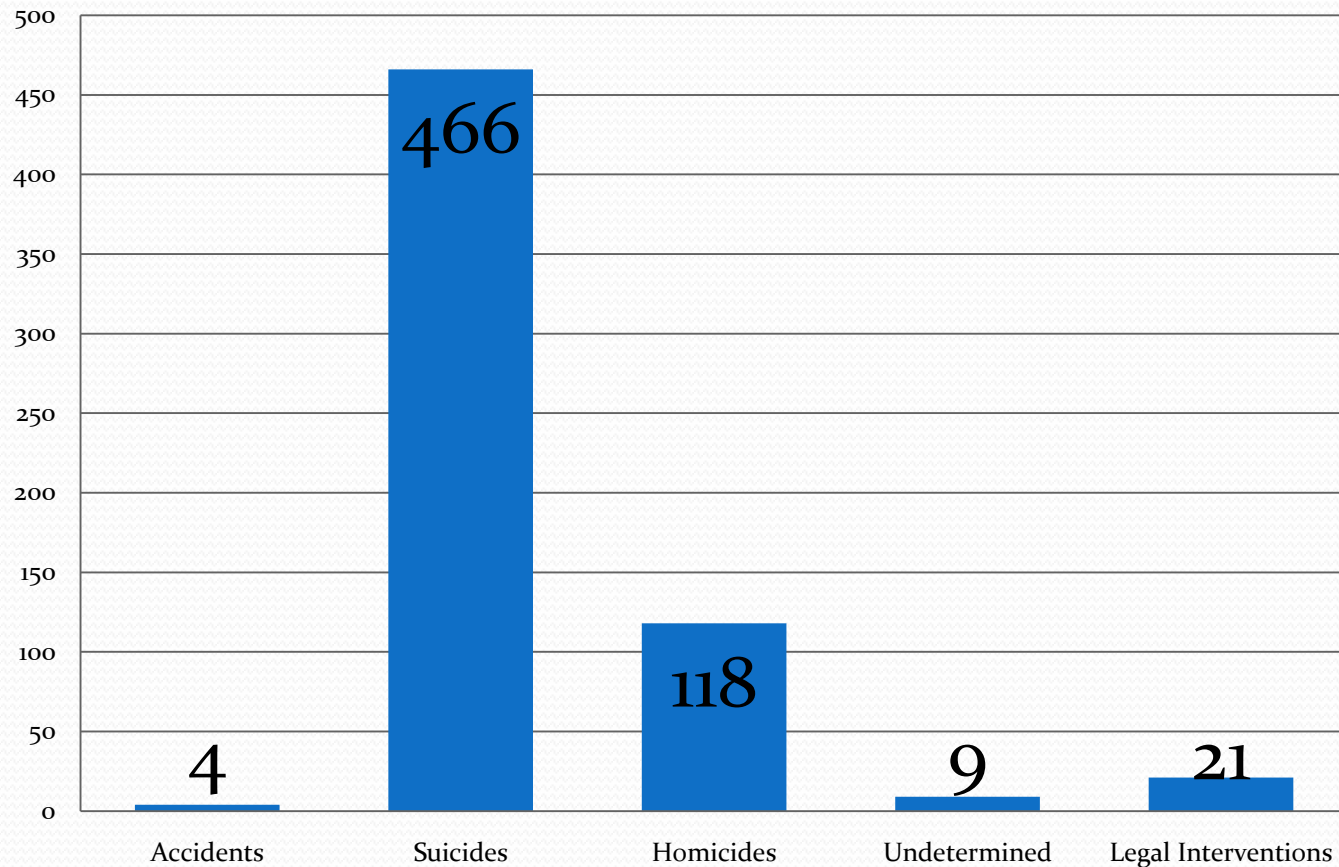
Gun Violence in America

30,896 firearm deaths in the United States in 2006*

16,883 Suicides
12,791 Homicides
642 Unintentional
360 Legal Interventions
220 Undetermined intent

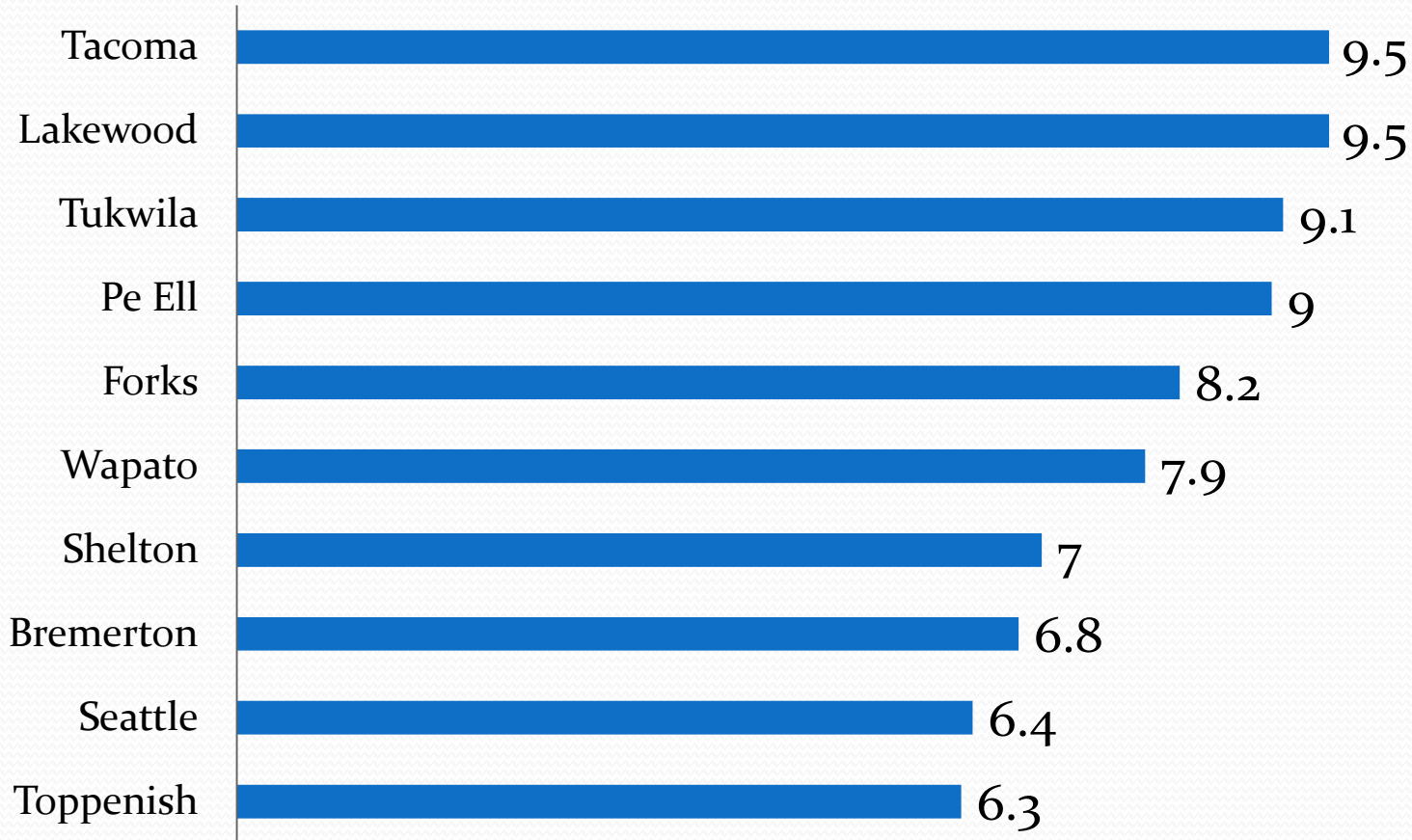
- National Center for Injury Prevention & Control, CDC

Gun Violence in Washington



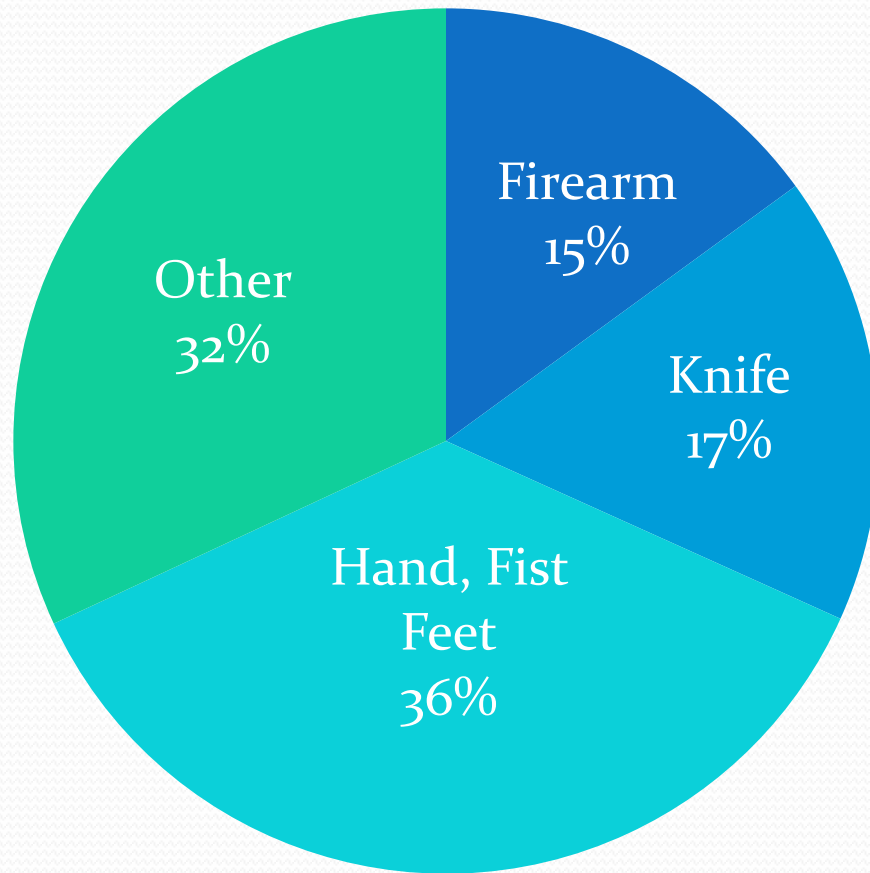
Center for Health Statistics
Washington State DOH, 2009

Violent Crime in Washington



2009 Violent Crime
by City Per 1,000 residents
FBI Uniform Crime Reports

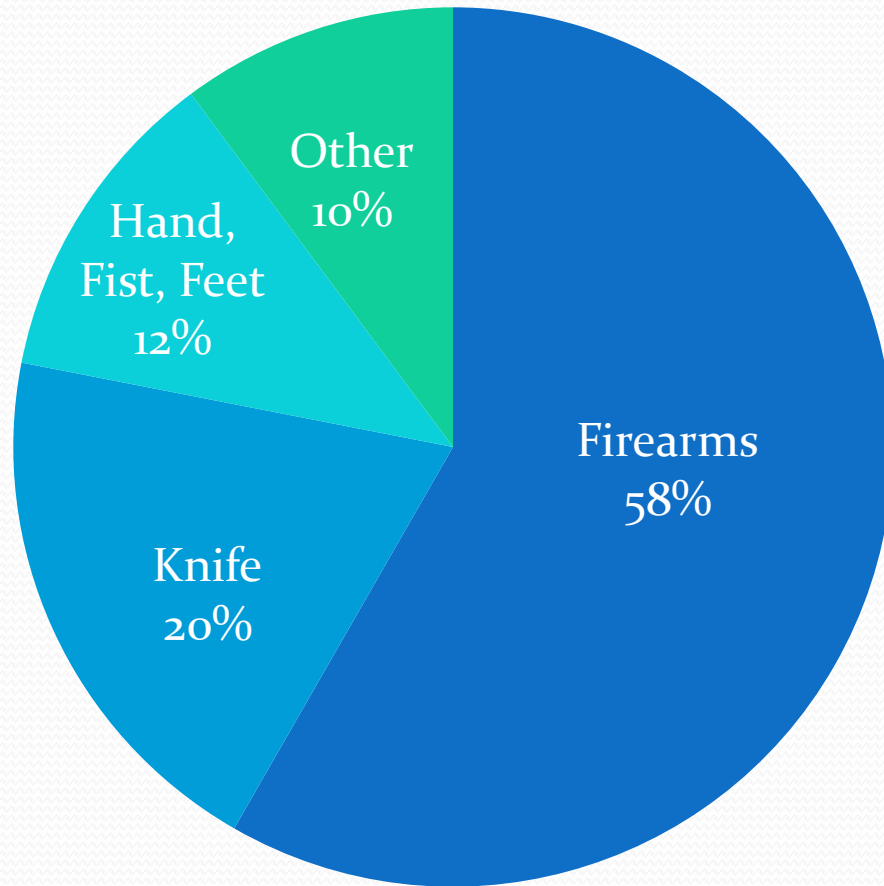
Gun Violence in Washington



12,576
Aggravated
Assaults
Washington
State,
2009

FBI Uniform Crime
Reports

Gun Violence in Washington



187
Murders in
Washington
State,
2009

(109 firearm homicides)

FBI Uniform Crime
Reports

Gun Violence in Washington

Average Charge for a Firearm Injury Hospitalization in
Washington (2006)

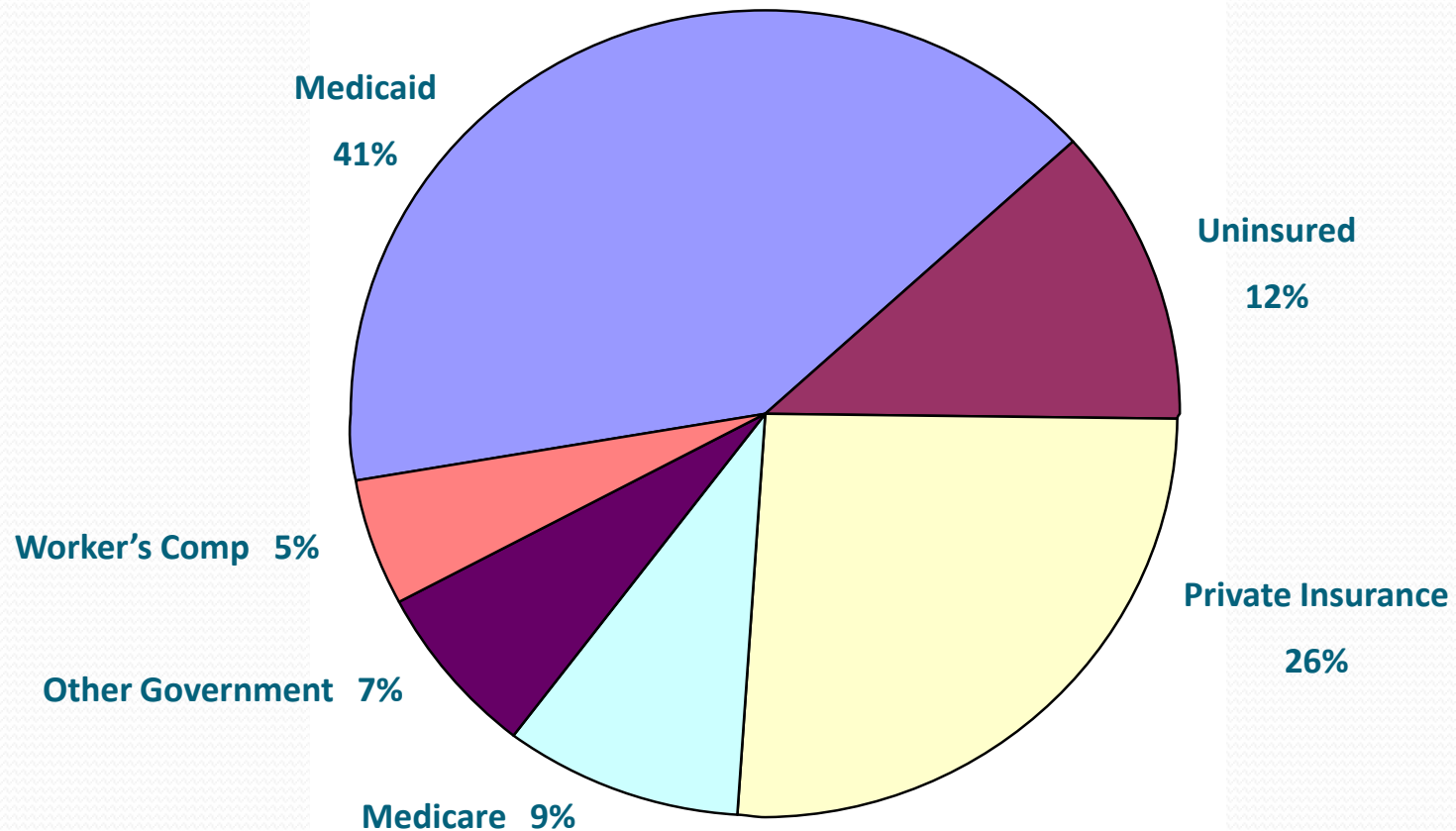
\$51,000

Total Cost for Hospitalizations for Firearm Injuries
in Washington

1997 – 2006 (in 2006 dollars)

\$139,000,000

Who's paying for Gun Violence in Washington?



Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center, 2007

Gun Violence in Washington

Other costs include:

- Criminal investigation/Trial
- Incarceration
- Funeral expenses
- Lost wages when attending trials/funerals
- Victim's stress related medical/dental conditions
- Heightened divorce rates in families of victims
- Heightened suicide rates in families of victims
- Lowering of property values



Gun Violence in Washington

Common concerns relating to firearms

Local, County, State & Federal Law Enforcement

Mayors & City Managers

Prosecutors

Educators

Medical Professionals

U.S. Attorneys



It's too easy for criminals, the mentally ill and
kids to get guns

Ex-Employee charged in pistol thefts

Bellevue Reporter, 4/9/09

Student appears in court on gun charges

Vancouver Columbian, 5/13/09

Mother may face charges after special needs son brings gun
to Prosser school

Yakima Herald Republic 6/4/09

17-year-old boy held in killing of Ballard store clerk

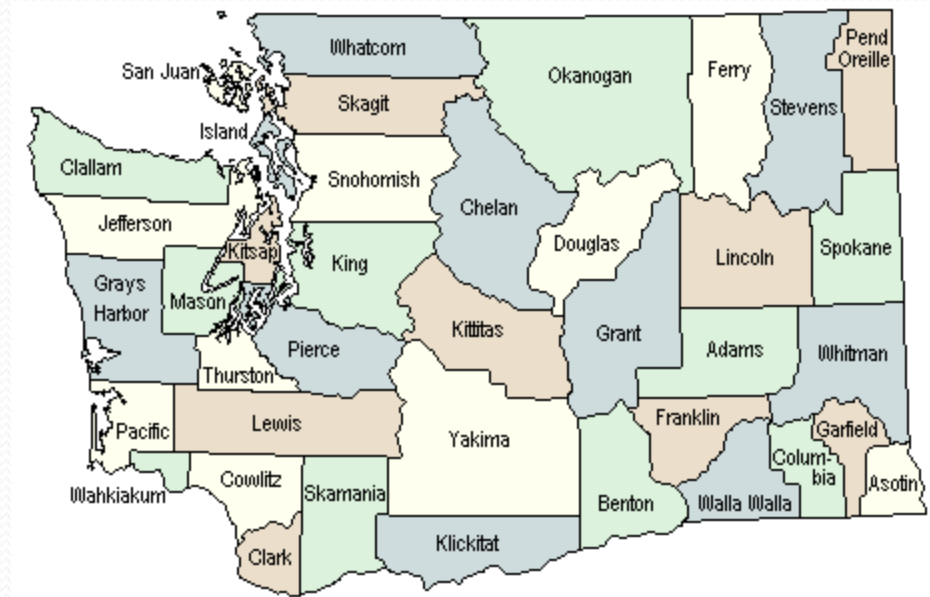
Seattle Times, 7/28/09

Guns in Olympia ER Shooting may have been stolen

KIRO TV, 8/17/09

State Preemption

RCW 9.41.300
pre-empts the ability of
local cities, towns and
counties to enact their
own firearm ordinances



Juvenile Sentencing

The sentencing law for juveniles convicted of illegal gun possession is as follows:

- 1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th convictions:

0-30 days detention, 0-12 months probation;

- 5th conviction:

15 to 36 weeks in a state Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration (JRA) facility, like Echo Glen near North Bend.

Corrections



Mandatory prison
sentencing guidelines
for firearm related
crimes

Supervision of
individuals on
Community Release

Proposed budget cuts
at DOC

Illegal Firearm Trafficking



Federally licensed firearm dealers are required to perform a criminal background check before selling a weapon.

Private “collectors” are not.



National Instant Check System (NICS) – Washington State

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	5 Year Total
Total NICS Checks*	337,732	316,589	276,156	255,387	219,559	1,405,423
1.3% NICS Denials**	4,391	4,116	3,590	3,320	2,854	18,279
Denials due to Criminal History***	4,171	3,910	3,411	3,154	2,711	17,357

* Total NICS Background checks by state, FBI, 2010

** Based on national average, NICS Operations, 2007, page 10

*** Includes Criminal History, DV Restraining Order, Fugitive from Justice,
Based on national average, NICS Operations, 2007, page 11

High Powered Rifles

50 caliber sniper rifles capable of firing incendiary, armor piercing rounds that can bring down light aircraft and punch through police cruisers are legal for civilian use in Washington



Mandatory Safe Storage

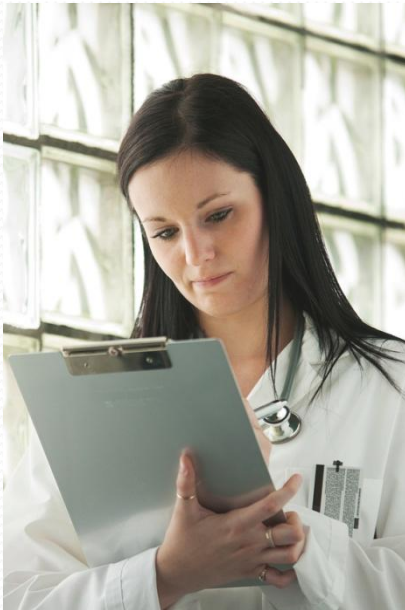
Lost & Stolen Reporting



What Can We Do?



Violent Death and Injury Reporting System



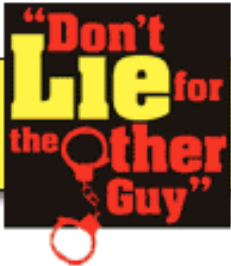
Develop a system of efficiently gathering data to accurately define the problem



Best Practices



Education



A national campaign to prevent the illegal purchases of firearms



a National Shooting Sports Foundation Web site

Use a gun...do the time.



3 counts
Assault

3 Firearm
enhancements

Time + 15 years



2 counts
Assault

2 Firearm
enhancements

Time + 10 years



2 counts
Robbery
& Assault

3 Firearm
enhancements

Time + 15 years

Common Sense Cooperation Works

HB 1498

The Mental Health Bill

