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Several Gun Control Bills Head To Governor Polis' Desk

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AmmoLand.com)- It didn't take long for gun control extremists in the Colorado State Legislature to gut the Second Amendment this year – 111 days to be exact. Three more gun control bills are now headed to Governor Jared Polis' desk for final signature. This is on top of two other gun control bills he's already signed this legislative session, which went into full swing on Feb 16, 2021, and ended June 12, 2021.

Here's what gun control is heading to the Colorado Governor:

SB21-256 Local Regulation Of Firearms

- Repeals Colorado's 2003 Firearm Preemption Law and replaces it with language that allows localities and municipalities to create their own firearm laws as long as they are MORE restrictive than state law.

- This bill would allow for any county or municipality to ban the possession, sale, or transfer of a firearm, ammunition, or firearm accessory within their jurisdiction; and would allow any county, municipality, special district, or college campus to ban concealed carry. For reference, there are 217 municipalities, 64

counties, 2,800 special districts, and 62 college campuses in Colorado.

Bill goes into effect upon Governor's signature. With the passage of this bill, the Second Amendment fight will now move from the State Capitol in Denver to your backyard.

HB21-1298 Expand Firearm Background Check Requirements

- Adds 11 misdemeanors to the list of background check disqualifiers,

prohibiting purchase and possession for 5 years from the date of conviction. This bill does work retroactively so anyone who has been convicted of one of these 11 misdemeanors in the past five years will now be prohibited persons.

- The option for FFLs to transfer a firearm to new owner if background check is formally delayed for more than 3 days.

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BREAKING: MULTIPLE GUN CONTROL BILLS PASS IN COLORADO!

SB21-256: LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS

(ALLOWS LOCALITIES TO BAN POSSESSION, CONCEALED CARRY, SALES, MORE)

HB21-1298: EXPAND FIREARM TRANSFER BACKGROUND CHECK

(ADDS 11 NEW MISDEAMENORS AS SALE & TRANSFER DISQUALIFIERS)

HB21-1299: CREATES OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE

(\$3 MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS WILL FUND THIS CRONYIST PROGRAM)



HB21-1106: MANDATORY FIREARM STORAGE

(MANDATES GUN STORAGE OR TRIGGER LOCKS)

HB21-1106: MANDATORY REPORTING OF LOST & STOLEN GUNS

(MANDATES REPORTING OF STOLEN GUNS BUT NOT RECOVERY OF THE GUN)



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- Extends the time agencies have to review a background check denial from 30 days to 60 days, and allows for indefinite denial without disposition in certain instances.

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HB21-1299 Office Of Gun Violence Prevention

- Creates a new entity within Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDHPE) called the Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

This office will be asked to "...increase the awareness of, and educate the general public about, state and federal laws and existing resources relating to gun-violence prevention." That includes how to safely store guns, how to report a lost or stolen weapon, how to access mental health care and how to utilize Colorado's Red Flag Law. They will also be tasked with so-called "evidence based" data collection.

- The office will be responsible for distributing grants to non-profit agencies and groups who will work within communities to implement "evidence based" gun safety action based on their "evidence based" data collection.

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Democrats rejected amendments that would have prevented these grants from going to groups who involve themselves in electoral politics, such as Moms Demand Action, because taxpayers should not be funding their push to elect so-called "Gun Sense Candidates".

- The office will also track and publish what local firearm laws are in place across the state, as they assumed SB21-256 would pass when writing this bill. They are requesting \$3 million dollars for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Here's what's already been signed"

HB21-1106 Mandatory Safe Storage of Firearms

- Requires firearms be "safely stored" in homes where children or prohibited persons could gain access.
- Exceptions are if the firearm is being carried on body or within such close proximity it is readily available as if it was being carried on body.
- Acceptable safe storage techniques include trigger locks, gun safes, bio-metric triggers, or a container that appears locked (yes, it really says that).

- Failure to comply is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

- Law takes effect July 1, 2021.

SB21-078 Mandatory Reporting of Lost and Stolen Guns

- Requires a person who discovers a firearm lost or stolen to report it to law enforcement within 5 days.
- Failure to comply is a \$25 civil infraction.
- Bill was amended to give immunity to anyone who violated the safe storage law and had their firearm lost or stolen.
- Law goes into effect 90 days after adjournment of 2021 Colorado General Assembly (sometime in September 2021).

What can you do now? Become a watchdog in your own community. Pay attention to your county commissioners, city/town council, local colleges and universities, and so on. Alert us if anything comes on your radar. If you're interested in organizing within college campuses, please also reach out. The fight is just beginning.



String of Record Breaking Gun Sales Ends with May 2021

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NICS numbers for May broke the string of record setting National Instant background Check System (NICS) checks which started in August of 2019. The number of NICS checks broke records for each month starting August of 2019 until May of this year, 2021, for 21 months of record gun sales!

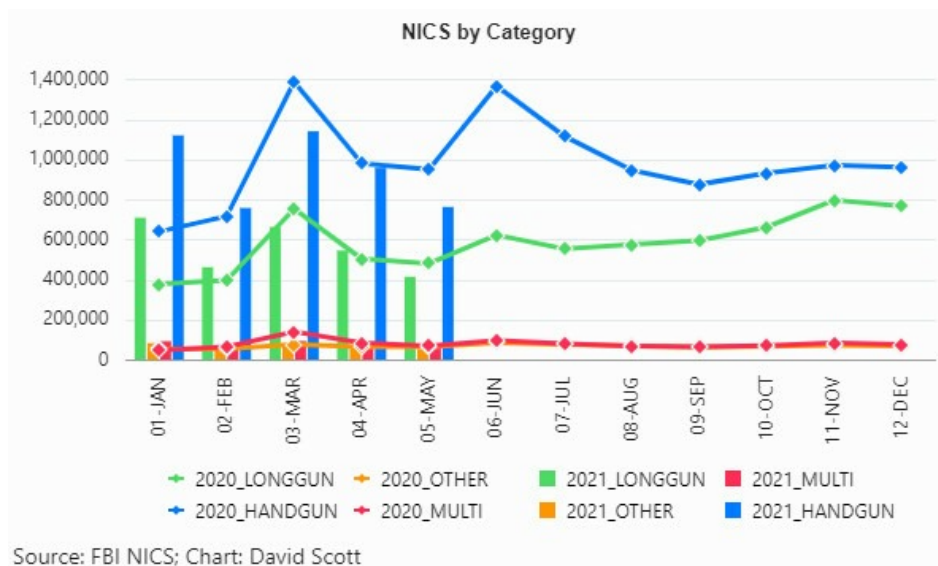
Such a string could not continue forever. There are only so many resources, so many people to buy guns and be checked for carry permits. It has been the carry permits and permit rechecks that have driven the NICS system checks so high.

In May of 2021, only 41.3 % of background checks were for firearm sales. while 58.8% of the checks were for permits and permit rechecks. Permit and permit rechecks for Illinois alone were 30.0% of the total number of NICS checks for May 2021.

When NICS was created in 1998, there was no consideration of one state submitting 30% of all NICS background checks for permit checks and rechecks.

Gun sales in Illinois, which are extraordinarily hampered by the Illinois [FOID system](#), were less than 3% of those of the United States total.

The population of Illinois is about 4% of the population of the United States, down a bit from previous years. The total number of firearm sales done through the NICS system was about 1.32 million in May of 2021. An 18% decrease from the record set in May of 2020, is still historically high.



Source: FBI NICS; Chart: David Scott

The panic buying coincided with concerns about the election of President Biden, a radical left Democrat Congress (albeit by the most narrow of margins), and promises of extreme gun restrictions has faded.

President Biden, Nancy Pelosi, and Senator Schumer, all radical opponents of the Second Amendment, have so far been unable to pass legislation to turn national elections into a national version of Tammany Hall.

Attempts to make Washington, D.C. into a state, and pack the Supreme Court with leftist judges, have also stalled.

In spite of passing enormous funding for pet Democrat constituencies, the Democrats have not been able to remove the filibuster rule in the Senate.

Senator Sinema of Arizona and Manchin of West Virginia, deserve credit for preserving the Republic, at least for now.

The Supreme Court has decided to hear another significant Second Amendment case, which may be used to restore Second Amendment

freedoms eroded over a century of Progressive activism.

In the States, four states have joined the Constitutional Carry club, with Texas almost certain to join in June of 2021. Louisiana is on the edge, with the prospect of a potential veto and then possible veto override.

The Second Amendment sanctuary movement has pledged covering more than half the land area of the United States. Over 20 million people, nearly all active voters, have carry permits.

Many still believe the United States is in extraordinary peril, from both domestic and foreign enemies. The Biden administration seeks to crack down on the opposition of those who take their oaths seriously, which the administration labels as "extremists".

With the guns sold in May, the total number of privately owned guns in the United States is now estimated to be over 472 million, using the procedure pioneered by Newton and Zimring, and perfected by Professor Gary Kleck in "[Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America](#)".

Special Report

Below the Radar: Potential Gun Legislation you Need to Know About

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by Harold Hutchison

S 1155 -Virginia Plan to Reduce Gun Violence Act of 2021

Ammoland readers who remember history may have heard of the Virginia Plan presented before the Constitutional Convention in 1787. The convention threw a number of its key provisions out, but they salvaged a few items for the Constitution that have worked since 1789.

So, Second Amendment supporters should feel particularly insulted that Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia is now hijacking something that was part of building the Constitution that protects our rights to attack them instead, with a large side of the injustice of punishing people for crimes they did not commit.

S 1155, combined “universal” background checks with gun rationing in the form of a “one gun a month” provision targeting handguns. It’s a two-for-one whammy that no law-abiding citizen wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights should put up with.

“Universal” background checks have been addressed a lot. They’re a back door toward the creation of a gun registration system, and registration leads to confiscation. Lyndon Johnson wanted a licensing and registration scheme and didn’t get it. This is why the Gun Control Act of 1968 was actually a strategic loss for anti-Second Amendment extremism. We can discuss that more later.

But the real issue here is the gun rationing scheme. This is being sold



as an effort to stop firearm trafficking. What anti-Second Amendment extremists want people to forget are the provisions already in place with [18 USC 922](#) and [18 USC 924](#). A [1999 article by Wayne LaPierre](#) runs the numbers on what the laws already in place could do for a criminal who runs just five handguns from, say, Indiana or Mississippi to Chicago.

When anti-Second Amendment extremists talk gun trafficking, their proposals seem to always involve new laws, when they’ve almost never enforced current laws. In the ongoing and unnecessarily nasty feud between pro-Second Amendment incrementalists and the “no compromise” activists, demands about enforcing existing laws are a bone of contention, but the provisions that could address those who provide firearms to violent criminals are a far cry from a ban on modern multi-purpose semiautomatic firearms.

It goes without saying that a rationed right is not really a right at all. What Senator Kaine is doing is

asserting that keeping and bearing arms is a privilege. After all, who’s to say that when the gun-rationing scheme this bill would impose fails (because criminals break laws, of course), he won’t try one gun a year, or even demand that we prove our need for a given gun?

S 1261, the Illegal Alien NICS Alert Act

The National Instant Background Check System (NICS) has always been a flashpoint of contention among Second Amendment supporters. “No compromise” types viewed the push for NICS in 1993 as a sellout, while those who were of the incrementalist school of thought pointed out – justifiably – that NICS prevented a permanent waiting period.

In this light, we come to S 1261, the Illegal Alien NICS Alert Act, introduced by Senator Tom Cotton, a Second Amendment champion. This bill is a narrower version of the NICS Denial Notification Act, since it is strictly aimed at those in the

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country illegally. This falls under the “enforce existing laws” argument that some Second Amendment supporters have successfully wielded to halt anti-Second Amendment efforts in the past – see [Project Exile](#).

Under [18 USC 922](#), illegal aliens are prohibited from possessing any type of firearm.

Regardless of your opinion on whether or not illegal immigration is a threat to the Second Amendment, this is a law that should be enforced, if for no other reason than a conviction for a federal felony charge serves as grounds for deportation. But on a more important factor, this legislation could be an opening for Second Amendment supporters in places where MS-13 runs rampant.

Already anti-Second Amendment extremists like Senator Chris Murphy are trying to put the blame for the rise in violent crime on law-abiding gun owners. Allowing that nonsense narrative to take hold would be tactical and strategic incompetence. Between the prohibition on illegal aliens possessing firearms of any sort, and the sentencing enhancements from [18 USC 924](#), a lot of bad guys can be put away for a very long time, and it would greatly reduce violent crime involving the misuse of firearms. Second Amendment supporters need to get ahead of this by highlighting just what current laws can do in some cases, and to put anti-Second Amendment extremists on record as refusing to use those tools.

When corrupt big-city mayors – or other anti-Second Amendment extremists – refuse to enforce laws, then demand that injustice be inflicted on those law-abiding American citizens who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights, pointing to the tools they refuse to use can expand the pro-Second Amendment coalition that makes winning elections easier. When we win elections and have Second Amendment supporters running legislatures and in

governor’s mansions (or the White House), defending our rights is a much easier task.

The reality is that NICS will be part of the landscape for a while. The question is whether Second Amendment supporters can make lemonade out of a lemon. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Representative and Senators and urge them to support this bill. In addition, they need to support the NRA’s Institute for Legislative Action and Political Victory Fund to ensure that the current anti-Second Amendment regimes in the House, Senate, and White House – and those at the state and local level – are defeated at the ballot box as soon as possible.

S 1558 and HR 3088 - Untraceable Firearms Act of 2021

Anti-Second Amendment extremists have often tried to make various aspects of our Second Amendment rights seem downright scary to our fellow Americans. For instance in the 1990s, Senator Frank Lautenberg tried to push federal legislation that would have overridden the shall issue concealed carry laws on multiple occasions, using the term “concealed weapons.”

Today, anti-Second Amendment extremists are using terms like “ghost guns” and “untraceable firearms” to attack our rights. Two that are currently in Congress, Representative David Cicilline (D-RI) and Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) are now trying to hype the fear to essentially ban home-built firearms with the Untraceable Firearms Act of 2021, known as S 1558 and HR 3088.

Cicilline introduced a version of this bill back in 2019, and we noted back then that part of the goal was to make it easier to carry out a “Mr. and Mrs. America, turn them all in” program of the type Feinstein wanted in 1995, or what Eric Swalwell has been pushing as well. One of the necessities for that to happen is

to enact some form of firearms registration – what Nelson “Pete” Shields called “the second problem.”

Of course, let’s just be clear – this bill is another round of the usual injustice we see anti-Second Amendment extremists trying to inflict on law-abiding Americans who wish to exercise their right to keep and bear arms by building their own. The fact of the matter is that the vast majority of those who are building their own firearms are doing so for lawful purposes, yet anti-Second Amendment extremists want to punish them for crimes and acts of madness they didn’t commit.

What Cicilline and Blumenthal – not to mention the media – fail to mention is that current laws can handle anyone who is home-building firearms for nefarious purposes. Under 18 USC 922, anyone who provides a firearm to a felon, illegal alien, or other prohibited persons is guilty of a felony. 18 USC 924 provides for a potential 10-year prison sentence in those cases and adds other penalties for transferring a firearm knowing it will be used for a violent crime or drug trafficking, not to mention sentencing enhancements for when firearms are brandished or discharged.

Second Amendment supporters certainly should work to ensure that the categories of prohibited persons are not excessive, and how to pare them down can be discussed at a later time. But the fact remains, current laws can address the misuse of home-built firearms while proving anti-Second extremists are liars. Using those laws, through efforts like Project Exile and Project Guardian in conjunction with explaining this situation to our fellow Americans could help us not only turn back this assault on our rights, but to turn back others as well (like bans on modern multi-purpose semiautomatics).

When it comes right down to it, the Untraceable Firearms Act of 2021 is one that should be easy to defeat.

Ammunition Demand Will Not Subside Soon

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(AmmoLand.com)- Ammunition consumers indicate that demand will remain strong well into 2021. According to Southwick Associate's ongoing shooting sports consumer market research, multiple reasons are driving the continued unparalleled demand.

In April 2021, Southwick Associates surveyed more than 1,800 ammunition consumers as part of its quarterly Hunter Survey/Shooter Survey tracking study. In 2020, four out of five consumers encountered out-of-stock issues while trying to purchase ammunition, while three-quarters encountered out-of-stock situations so far in 2021. Of these respondents, 79% reported either fully or partially reducing their target shooting and hunting outings as a result of depleted ammunition shelves.

Going forward, ammunition demand is expected to remain high. Nearly two-thirds of ammunition consumers

report their current ammunition inventory was lower than they would prefer.

When asked how much more ammunition they would like to have on hand, 43% reported "much more" while 38% reported, "a little more." Only 17% were satisfied with the amounts they currently had on hand.



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When asked why they desire more ammunition, key reasons included:

- Uncertainty about future ammunition supplies (72%). This is especially true among consumers 45+ years of age.
- Uncertainty about future restrictions on ammunition purchases (70%).

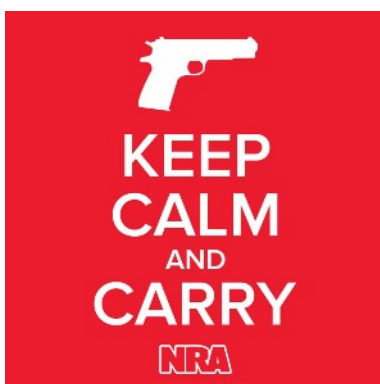
- Uncertainty about future economic conditions (54%).
- Increased shooting and hunting activity (26%). This was more common among the 25-34-year-old consumers.

"At some point, demand will certainly soften," reports Rob Southwick, President of Southwick Associates. "However, frenzied purchasing and empty shelves often fuels further increases in demand. We do not see demand softening in the near future."

Southwick Associates will release additional top-level insights regarding the market and consumer trends in the hunting, recreational shooting, and home/away defense markets as they become available.

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Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and politely urge them to oppose HR 3088 and S 1558, and to instead support efforts like Project Exile and Project Guardian. They should also support NRA-ILA and NRA-PVF to ensure that the House, Senate, state legislatures, governor's mansions, and the White House are not controlled by anti-Second Amendment extremists.

Government Stimulus Plan

Contribured by Don Eyser

Three contractors bid to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Kentucky, and the third is from New Orleans. All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The New Orleans contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil.

"Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$9,000. That's \$4,000 for materials, \$4,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

The Kentucky contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$7,000. That's \$3,000 for materials, \$3,000 for my crew and \$1,000 profit for me."

The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$27,000."

The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys. How did you come up with such a high figure?"

"The Chicago contractor whispers back, "\$10,000 for me, \$10,000 for you, and we hire the guy from Kentucky to fix the fence."

"Done!" replies the government official.

And that, my friends, is how the Government Stimulus plan worked.

Remember .. Four boxes keep us free: the soap box, the ballot box, the jury box, and the cartridge box.

"I love my country ... it's the government I'm afraid of!"



The Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition is a group of gun shop owners, firearm trainers, and public health researchers who came together with a shared goal of educating firearm retailers, range employees, and the general public about suicide prevention and firearm safety.

The group has developed a map to help community members locate local options for temporary, voluntary firearm storage. Out-of-home gun storage can be especially helpful to persons in crisis at risk for suicide.

See the map at:

<https://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org/gun-storage-map/>

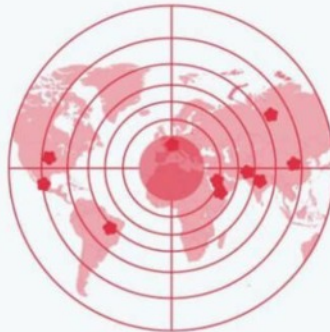


Gallup Survey Shows How People's Views On The Benefits Of Guns Has Change Over The Last 15 Years

<https://crimeresearch.org/2014/11/gallup-survey-shows-how-peoples-views-on-the-benefits-of-guns-has-change-over-the-last-15-years/>

Countries With The Most Firearms in Civilian Hands

Estimated number of civilian-held legal and illicit firearms in 2017



Source: Small Arms Survey



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NSSF Releases Data on Handgun Ownership Study

NSSF recently performed a comprehensive study on handgun ownership, interviewing over 100,000 gun owners. Some of the results were surprising, some not so much. I'll break them down one at a time.

The majority of gun owners have more than one handgun, actually

averaging about 7.4 guns per person. Only 10% of respondents owned a single gun. Most of the guns were purchased new, the most popular being 9 mm, followed by .45 ACP and then .22.

Multiple gun owners are motivated, averaging 26 days on a range, while firing almost 1,600 rounds. About 70% intended to buy another handgun within the next year.

Single gun owners are different, being a little younger – averaging 50 years old vs. 56 years for multiple gun owners. Just over half of them (52%) bought their gun in the last five years, with 16% being purchased online. About 54% intend to buy another gun in the next year.

Single gun owners bought their guns for personal defense (42%)

and non-competitive shooting (28%), and 33% have concealed carry permits.

As far as ammo goes, 73% purchased is centerfire, with 27% rimfire. Averages (before ammo became scarce!) were 200 rounds of centerfire and 506 of rimfire, slightly more than a “brick.”

Almost 70% of shooters like to shoot with friends, and almost 60% introduced someone else to shooting in the past 12 months. Fifty-two percent of those surveyed shoot on private land (maybe showing where they live), 42% go to public ranges, and 33% shoot at private gun clubs.



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CSSA performs many traditional NRA functions at the state level while remaining an independent organization led and operated by members like us. CSSA is concerned with all statewide issues of importance to firearms rights and ownership, and we work very closely with the NRA to serve Colorado's gun owners, hunters, shooters, competitors, and sportsmen.

The Colorado State Shooting Association is a volunteer organization. We keep overhead and operating costs to a minimum to keep our actions in the field, such as legislative and election efforts. The NRA/CSSA team has done

outstanding work in Colorado, but we always need grassroots talent and support to meet today's challenges and opportunities.

CSSA directors and members have played an active and prominent role in rallying pro-gun voters across the state to vote in critical elections. We keep our members informed with our website at www.cssa.org and address firearms-related topics of importance at our monthly meetings at Cabela's in Lone Tree -- members and guests are always welcome! You can contact us at www.cssa.org/index.php/contact.

The beauty of our dynamic association is that we are always looking to appeal to and meet the needs of a wide variety of shooting interests. As the oldest pro-gun organization in Colorado, CSSA values feedback and suggestions from our fellow Colorado shooters -- but

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Join the Colorado State Shooting Association's efforts by becoming a member of your NRA State Association. Please go to www.cssa.org/index.php/join-renew and sign up today!



What Will Happen To Your Guns When You Die?

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(AmmoLand.com)- It is never easy to confront one's own mortality, but Second Amendment supporters – including loyal Ammoland readers – have a big reason to think about what will take place after they're gone via one simple question: What will happen to your guns?

Since, alas, we can't take our firearms with us when we pass along, it behooves a gun owner to figure things out before they leave this mortal coil. Your firearms should be part of your estate planning. If you don't decide what to do with your firearms, then either a court or the executor of your estate will be making those decisions – and they may not make the same decisions you would have made. So, part of the responsibility that comes with exercising your Second Amendment rights is making a plan for your firearms once you're gone.

A look at [The Blue Book of Gun Values](#) can explain why: If you had a Mossberg 500 ATL Tactical (\$540), a Rock River Arms LAR-15 CAR A2 (\$875), an older Winchester Model 190 (\$175), a Glock 17 Gen4 (\$550), a Taurus PT-58 (\$360), and a Smith and Wesson Model 19-3 (\$725), you're looking at over \$3,000 in value for the guns alone – never mind the ammo, accessories, and the safe (or other security measures) that would presumably go along with the firearms. That's a fair chunk of cash.

Ideally, you'll be able to pass them down to your children to continue traditions of gun ownership and support for the Second Amendment. However, if you don't have children, if the children you have are prohibited under federal or state law from possessing firearms, or if they lack interest in owning firearms, you'll



need to have some sort of backup plan.

One option could be to arrange for a consignment sale through your local FFL, with the money being split evenly among your heirs, or via an auction site, like GunAuction.com. You also could leave them to extended family members who would properly appreciate them. Gifting them to friends could also be an option.

Of course, it goes without saying that one would also want to find a way to continue defending the Second Amendment after one passes on. If you wish, you could auction off your guns for a posthumous donation to any number of pro-Second Amendment organizations. Another option is to plan to donate part of your estate to those same groups. Many of them will be able to help

you make those plans for your estate.

Of course, to ensure there will still be firearms to pass down to future generations, Second Amendment supporters should join the NRA, and support the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action and Political Victory Fund to ensure that the current anti-Second Amendment regimes in the House, Senate, and White House and at the state level are defeated at the ballot box as soon as possible.

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A Tip Sheet for Parents:

MENTAL HEALTH, SUICIDE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFETY

This three-part resource will help you: 1) Know what behaviors to watch for in your teenagers that could point to suicide or self-harm risk; 2) Identify the steps to take if you are concerned about your child; and 3) Learn home safety steps to prevent unauthorized access to firearms or access to firearms by a person at risk for suicide.

WARNING SIGNS TO WATCH

Suicide most often occurs when several stressors or health issues converge to create a feeling of hopelessness or despair. Watch for the following signs and behaviors in your teen:

- Talks about killing themselves, feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Expresses being a burden to others, feeling trapped or experiencing unbearable pain.
- Appears depressed, anxious, disinterested, irritable, humiliated or agitated, or suddenly appears to have rapidly improved after previously displaying those moods.
- Increases use of alcohol or drugs.
- Withdraws from activities and isolates from friends and family.
- Reduces effort at school, stops trying academically or increases absences.
- Exhibits changes in sleeping or eating patterns; is always fatigued or not sleeping.
- Conducts internet searches for materials/ways for self-harm.
- Says goodbye to family or friends; gives possessions away.
- Displays aggressive behaviors.
- Makes unusual or cryptic social media posts related to the above (being a burden, saying goodbye, etc.).

OUTREACH STEPS TO TAKE

Don't wait — trust your gut. If you notice changes in your teen's normal behavior, such as becoming more withdrawn, disconnecting from friends, or grades dropping, or they're just not being themselves, that's a time to connect and talk with them about their feelings and mental health and consider reaching out to a healthcare professional. Talking about mental health or suicide does not increase risk of suicide.

Ask your teen specifically about suicide and suicidal thoughts. Here's how: "Sometimes when people are feeling overwhelmed, they may have thoughts of suicide. Have you had those kinds of thoughts?" If your teen indicates suicidal thoughts or you are left feeling uneasy, reach out to a healthcare professional for further assessment.

Hold all discussions in a nonjudgmental, empathetic manner. Listening and conveying that you are here to help is more important than giving advice. Stay in regular touch with teachers and coaches, as well as your teen's friends and teammates.

Follow up regularly and express your care and concern. If you don't see any improvements or your child continues to struggle, seek help from a healthcare professional.

Contact a healthcare professional. While a mental health professional is ideal, you can also turn to your child's primary care physician or even a walk-in clinic, urgent care center or your local emergency room if you are concerned about your child's safety.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **CALL 1-800-273-TALK**

Lifeline Chat: [SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG/CHAT](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat)

Crisis Text Line: **TEXT "TALK" TO 741741**

Emergency Response: **CALL 911**

Buying Firearms and Ammo Online

By [GunPros](#)

If you don't own any firearms currently, here's a quick breakdown of how buying firearms and ammo online works.

Please note, regulations may vary by state (states like California) and city (like Chicago). Also, this is not legal advice, and you are solely responsible for obeying all federal, state, and local laws when purchasing, owning, or manufacturing a firearm or ammo.



Firearms purchased online can NOT be shipped directly to your door. Instead, they need to be shipped to an FFL (Federal Firearms License) holder, like a gun shop. You can select an FFL where to have your firearm delivered on most major online retailers. When picking them up from your FFL, you'll need to undergo a background check.

Most firearm parts, however, can be purchased online and shipped

directly to your door. Each firearm generally has one part that counts as a "firearm" legally, meaning it must be shipped to an FFL. This typically prevents you from being able to purchase all of your parts online and building a firearm yourself without needing a background check.

There are some workarounds to this. For an AR-15, a stripped lower receiver is what's considered the firearm, meaning it must be shipped to an FFL. You can, however, purchase an 80% completed lower receiver online and have it shipped to your door, then complete making the 80% lower yourself if you have the required tools. After this, you could then assemble all the remaining parts.

In most states, ammo can be purchased online and shipped directly to your door. States like California, however, require that ammo be shipped to an FFL.



BRACKEN: THERE'S NO NEED FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR CONFISCATION ONCE GUNS ARE BANNED

<https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/bracken-theres-no-need-for-door-to-door-confiscation-once-guns-are-banned/>

THE DIGITAL GULAG: WHY TEAM TYRANNY WON'T NEED DOOR-KICKERS TO ENFORCE THE COMING GUN BANS

<https://www.americanpartisan.org/2021/03/the-digital-gulag-why-team-tyranny-wont-need-door-kickers-to-enforce-the-coming-gun-bans/>



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Online Resources for Shooters

Guns & Accessories

1800 Guns and Ammo -

<https://gritrsports.com/1800gunsandammo/>

Aero Precision - <https://www.aeroprecisionusa.com/>

Bass Pro Shop - <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en>

Big 5 Sporting Goods - <http://big5sportinggoods.com/store/>

Black Hills Shooters Supply - <http://www.bhshooters.com>

Bravo Company USA - <https://bravocompanyusa.com>

Brownells - <http://www.brownells.com>

Bud's Gun Shop - <https://www.budsgunshop.com/index.php>

Buffalo Arms Co. - <http://www.buffaloarms.com>

Cabela's - <https://www.cabelas.com>

Cave Armor Gun Safes - <http://cavearmor.com/>

CDNN Sports - <https://www.cdnnsports.com/>

Cheaper Than Dirt - <https://www.cheaperthandirt.com/>

Daniel Defense - <https://danieldefense.com/>

Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>

Fix-It-Sticks Tools - <https://store.fixitsticks.com/>

Grab-A-Gun Gun Sales - <http://grabagun.com>

Graf & Sons, Inc. - <http://www.grafs.com>

Gun Broker - <https://www.gunbroker.com/>

Gun Mag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com>

Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com/>

Guns.com (gun sales + newsletter) - <http://guns.com>

Hardshell FZE - <https://www.hardshell.ae/>

Knight's Armament - <https://www.knightarmco.com/>

Larue Tactical - <https://www.larue.com/>

Lewis Machine and Tool (LMT) - <https://lmtdefense.com/>

LWRC International - <https://www.lwrci.com/>

MidwayUSA - <http://midwayusa.com>

Natchez Shooting Supplies - <http://natchezss.com>

Northwoods Shooting Sports -

<http://www.northwoodshootingsports.com/>

Noveske - <https://noveske.com/>

Ohio Ordnance Works - <http://www.ohioordnanceworks.com>

Palmetto State Armory -

<http://www.palmettostatearmory.com>

Primary Arms - <https://www.primaryarms.com/>

Prolix - <http://www.prolixlubricant.com>

Sinclair International, Inc. - <http://www.sinclairintl.com>

Smith & Alexander - <http://www.smithandalexander.com>

Sportsman's Guide - <https://www.sportsmansguide.com/>

Sportsman's Warehouse - <https://www.sportsmans.com/>

The Shooter's Box - <http://www.theshootersbox.com/>

Target Barn - <https://www.targetbarn.com/>

The Gear Hunt - <https://thegearhunt.com>

Yankee Hill Machine - <https://yhm.net/>

Gun Parts

Bravo Company USA - <http://www.bravocompanyusa.com>

BuyMilSurp - <http://www.buymilsurp.com>

Huber Concepts - <http://www.huberconcepts.com>

Mag-Na-Port Intl. - <http://www.magnaport.com>

Military Gun Supply - <http://www.militarygunsupply.com>

Pacific Canvas & Leather -

<http://pacificcanvasandleather.com>

RTG Parts - <http://www.robertrtg.com>

Sarco, Inc. - <http://www.sarcoinc.com>

Springfield Sporters, Inc. - <http://www.ssporters.com>

TG International - <http://www.tguns.com>

VTI Replica Gun Parts - <http://www.vtgunparts.com>

Wilson Combat - <https://www.wilsoncombat.com/>

Grips & Gun Stocks

Alumagrips - <http://www.alumagrips.com>

Altamont Co. - <http://www.altamontco.com>

Boyd's Gunstock Industries -

<http://www.boydsgunstocks.com>

Donson Products - <http://www.dsplaser.com>

Eagle Grips - <http://www.eaglegrips.com>

GunMag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com/>

Gunstock Blanks - <http://www.gunstockblanks.com>

Herrett's Stocks - <http://www.herrett-stocks.com>

Hogue - <http://www.getgrip.com>

Jack First Gun Shop - <http://www.jackfirstgun.com>

Nill-Grips - <http://www.nill-grips.com>

Numrich Gun Parts - <http://www.gunpartscorp.com>

Pachmayr - <http://www.pachmayr.com>

Pearce Grip - <http://www.pearcegrip.com>

Tiger-Hunt - <http://www.gunstockwood.com>

Wicked Grips - <http://www.wickedgrips.com>

Manufacturers

Anderson Manufacturing -

<https://andersonmanufacturing.com/>

Beretta USA - <http://www.beretta.com/en-us/>

Bersa - Eagle Imports - <https://bersa.eagleimportsinc.com/>

Browning North America - <https://www.browning.com/>

Bushmaster Firearms - <https://www.bushmaster.com/>

Colt Manufacturing - <https://colt.com/>

Christianson Arms - <https://christensenarms.com>

CVA - <https://cva.com/>

CZ-USA - <https://cz-usa.com/>

FN Herstal (FNH) - <https://www.fnherstal.com/en>

Glock USA - <https://us.glock.com/en>

H&K - Heckler & Koch USA - <https://hk-usa.com/>

Henry Repeating Arms - <https://www.henryusa.com/>

Kahr Arms - <https://www.kahr.com/>

Kimber America - <https://www.kimberamerica.com/>

Marlin Firearms - <https://www.marlinfirearms.com/>

Mossberg - <https://www.mossberg.com/>

Remington Arms - <https://www.remington.com/>

Rock River Arms - <https://www.rockriverarms.com/>

Ruger Firearms - <https://ruger.com/>

Savage Arms - <https://savagearms.com/>

Sig Sauer - <https://www.sigsauer.com>

Smith & Wesson - <https://www.smith-wesson.com/>

Springfield Armory - <https://www.springfield-armory.com/>

Taurus USA - <https://www.taurususa.com>

Thompson/Center - <https://www.tcarms.com/firearms>

Walther - <https://waltherarms.com/>

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Newsletters and Publications

A&J Arms Booksellers - <http://ajarmsbooksellers.com>
AR-15 Newsletter - <http://ar15.com>
Art of the Rifle - <https://artoftherifle.com/>
Accurate Shooter – <http://accurateshooter.com>
Ammoland News Aggregator – <http://www.ammoland.com>
Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com>
Bev Fitchett - <https://www.bevfitchett.us>
Blue Book Publications - <http://www.bluebookinc.com>
Chuck Hawks - <http://www.chuckhawks.com>
Everyday Marksman – <http://everydaymarksman.co>
FMG Publications - <http://www.fmgpublications.com>
F+W Publications - <http://gundigeststore.com>
Gun Digest – <http://gundigest.com>
Gun News Daily – <https://gunnewsdaily.com/>
Guns America – <http://gunsamerica.com>
Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com>
Hunting Wire - <http://www.huntingwire.com>
IDSA Books - <http://idsabooks.com>
K-Var – <http://k-var.com>
Mowbray Publishing - <http://www.manalarmsbooks.com>
My Gun Culture – <http://mygunculture.com>
North Cape Publications - <http://www.northcapepubs.com>
Pew Tactical – <http://pewpewtactical.com>
Recoil Magazine (from Gun Digest) - <http://www.recoilweb.com>
Recoil OffGrid Magazine - <https://www.offgridweb.com>
Rifle Craft - <https://www.rifle-craft.com>
Schiffer Publishing - <http://www.schifferbooks.com>
Skyhorse Publishing - <http://www.skyhorsepublishing.com>
Tactical Hyve - <https://tacticalhyve.com/>
the loaded mag - <http://theloadedmag.com>

Organizations/Clubs

Ben Lomond Gun Club, Elbert County, Colorado – <https://www.blgc.org/>
Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Bailey, Colorado – <https://www.bcgc.com/>
Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – <http://cmp.org>
Colorado Gun Collectors Association (CGCA) – <http://www.cgca.com/>
Colorado Firearms Safety Coalition - <http://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org>
Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA) – <http://www.cssa.org>
Concealed Nation – <http://concealednation.org>
Firearms Coalition - <https://firearmscoalition.org/>
Gun Owners of America (GOA) – <http://www.gunowners.org>
National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) – <https://nationalgunrights.org/>
National Rifle Association (NRA) – <http://nramedia.org>
National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) – <http://nssf.org>
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO) – <https://rmgo.org/>
Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) – <https://tsra.com/>
United States Concealed Carry Assn. (USCCA) – <http://uscca.org>
USA Shooting Team – <https://www.usashooting.org/>

Politics/Gun Control

Colorado General Assembly – <http://leg.colorado.gov>
Contact Your Elected Officials - <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

Gun Control and Second Amendment Issues

Arbalest Quarrel - <http://www.arbalestquarrel.com>
Crime Prevention Research Center - Dr. John Lott, Ph.D. - <http://www.crimeresearch.org>
Handgun Law USA – <http://www.handgunlaw.us/>
NRA Institute for Legal Action (NRA-ILA) – <https://www.nraila.org/>
Second Amendment Foundation - <http://www.saf.org>
2nd Amendment Learning Guide – <https://www.daytonohlawyer.com/blog/2018/10/2nd-amendment-learning-guide/>

Prepping/Survival Skills

Archery Guide - <http://www.completeguidetoarchery.com>
Survival Still – <http://survivalstill.com>

Shows/Exhibitions

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn. – <http://www.cgca.com>
Tanner Gun Show – <http://tannergunshow.com>

Social Media/Podcasts

Down Range Radio – <http://www.downrange.tv/blog/category/down-range-radio/>
Guns and Ham/Amateur Radio – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1101562313308836/>
Gun Talk Media – <https://quntalk.com/>
The Gun Nation Podcast – <http://www.gunnation.us/>

Airguns

Airsoft Station Guide for Scouts BSA shooting programs – <https://www.airsoftstation.com/content/resources/boy-scout-airsoft-rifle-safety-information.html>
<https://airgunstation.com/resources/all-about-air-guns/>
American Airguns – <http://www.airguns.net/index.php>
Get Airsoft Gun Blog - <https://getairsoftgun.com/>

Ammunition

Ammo.com – <https://ammo.com/>
Ammo For Sale – <http://https://www.ammoforsale.com/>
Ammo To Go – <https://www.ammunitiontogo.com/>
Ammunition Depot - <https://www.ammunitiondepot.com/>
Ammunition Store - <https://ammunitionstore.com/>
ASYM Precision Ammunition - <http://asymammo.com>
Barnes Bullets - <http://barnesbullets.com>
Black Hills Ammunition - <http://www.black-hills.com>
CCI - <http://www.cci-ammunition.com>
Corbon Dakota Ammo, Inc. - <http://www.corbon.com>

Online Resources for Shooters - 3

Creedmoor Sports -

<https://www.creedmoorsports.com/category/Ammunition>

Doubletap Ammunition - <http://doubletapammo.com>

Federal Cartridge Co. - <http://federalpremium.com>

Fiocchi Ammunition - <http://fiocchiusa.com>

Gorilla Ammunition - <https://gorillaammo.com>

Hornady - <http://www.hornady.com>

Lucky Gunner - <https://www.luckygunner.com/>

Missouri Bullets - <http://missouribullet.com>

Montana Bullet Works - <http://montanabulletnetworks.com>

PMC Ammunition - <http://pmcammo.com>

PRVI Partizan - <https://www.prvipartizan.com>

Remington Arms - <http://www.remington.com>

Sellier & Bellot - <https://www.sellierbellot.us>

Sierra Bullets - <http://sierrabullets.com>

Speer - <https://www.speer.com>

Tula Ammo - <https://www.tulammo.ru/en/>

Wilson Combat - <http://www.wilsoncombat.com>

Winchester Ammunition - <http://www.winchester.com>

Wolf Ammo - <https://wolfammo.com/default.aspx>

Reloading

Boomers Bullet Moulds - <http://boomersmoulds.com>

C&H/4D Dies - <http://www.ch4d.com>

Colorado Brass - <http://www.coloradooncefiredbrass.com>

Forster Products - <http://forsterproducts.com>

How to Reload Ammo: Basic Equipment -

Ammoland - <https://www.ammoland.com/2012/09/how-to-reload-ammunition/#axzz2igtUzPzS>

Graf & Sons Reloading - <http://grafs.com>

Huntingdon Die Specialties - <http://www.huntingtons.com>

Lee Precision - <http://leeprecision.com>

Lyman Products - <http://lymanproducts.com>

M.D. Smith's Reloading - <http://www.reloadammo.com/>

Precision Reloading - <http://www.precisionreloading.com>

Products for the Beginning Reloader - <https://www.midwayusa.com/how-to-guides/beginning-re-loader>

RCBS - <http://www.rcbs.com>

Redding Reloading Equipment - <http://redding-reloading.com>

Reloading Your Own Ammo - <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/how-to-get-started-reloading-ammunition/>

Smartreloader Products - <http://www.smartreloader-usa.com>

Starline Brass - <http://www.starlinebrass.com>

Speer Ammo - <http://www.speer-bullets.com>

Top Brass - <http://www.topbrass-inc.com>

Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply - <http://wideners.com>

X-Reload - <http://x-reload.com>

Bullseye/Action Shooting

The Encyclopedia of Bullseye Pistol -

<http://www.bullseyepistol.com/>

NRA Competition Rules (rev. 2018) -

<https://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf>

NRA Precision Pistol Competition -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NRA_Precision_Pistol

Black Powder Guns

Beauchamp & Son Flintlocks etc. -

<http://www.flintlocksetc.com>

Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>

Navy Arms - <http://www.navyarms.com>

S&S Firearms - <http://www.ssfirearms.com>

Traditions Performance - <http://www.traditionsfirearms.com>

Gun Safety

NRA Eddie Eagle Program for Primary-3rd Grade -

<https://eddieeagle.nra.org/information-for-parents.asp>

NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Promotional Video -

<https://rtbav.nra.org/promotional-video.aspx>

Youth Gun Safety - <https://ammo.com/articles/parents-guide-to-gun-safety>

Gunsmithing

American Gunsmithing - Training Courses -

<http://americangunsmith.com>

Colorado School of Trades - <http://schooloftrades.edu>

Do-It-Yourself

Accurate Shooter -

<http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2008/12/gunsmithing-reference-articles-for-home-smiths/>

Checking the 1911 Frontstrap - Steve Locatelli, CCGC -

<http://cherrycreekgunclub.org/skills/documents/CHECKERIN%20THE%201911%20FRONTSTRAP-wpf.htm>

Maintenance/Cleaning

BING Search - Gun Maintenance Videos -

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=gun+maintenance&qpv=gun+maintenance&FORM=VDRE>

Scopes/Optics

E. Arthur Brown Co. - How to Choose a Hunting Rifle Scope - <https://www.eabco.com/Reports/report01.html>

EuroOptic - <https://www.eurooptic.com/>

Nikon Spot On Scopes -

<http://spoton.nikonSPORToptics.com/spoton/spoton.html#Index:4>

On Target Enterprises LLC - How to Use a Scope -

<http://www.ontargetcfl.com/howtoscope.html>

US Optics - Practical Long-Range Rifle Shooting -

<http://demigodllc.com/articles/practical-long-range-rifle-shooting-optics/?p=1>

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Training/Techniques

Able Shepard Training - <https://ableshepherd.com/>

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Hunter Education –

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>

Family Shooting Center, Cherry Creek State Park –

<http://www.familyshootingcenter.com/>

Foothills Firearm Instruction – Brett Denison, CCGC –

<http://www.foothillsfirearminstruction.com/>

Law Enforcement Services LLC – Basic Pistol Shooting
Techniques –

<http://www.lawenforcementservices.biz/Web%20Page%20Graphics/Basic%20Pistol%20Shooting%20Techniques.pdf>

Home Security

<https://reviews.thedenverchannel.com/home-security-systems-denver/>

<https://www.militaryhomesearch.com/home-security-guide.php>

<https://www.safety.com/best-home-security-systems/>