RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS: REDUCING FIREARM VIOLENCE AND IMPROVING FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION
An Information Paper

This document is intended as a thorough collection of resources for emergency physicians interested in reducing firearm violence and improving firearm injury prevention. Information is divided into several categories: general informational resources, prevention practice recommendations, existing emergency medicine-related firearm violence and injury prevention programs, and program implementation materials. The program list is organized by state and by type of program.

Please note that inclusion of a resource on this page does not indicate ACEP endorsement of that resource.

General Informational Resources
This section contains basic informational resources regarding the prevention of firearm injury. They are not specific to emergency medicine.

- GAO Report: PERSONAL FIREARMS – Programs that Promote Safe Storage and Research on Their Effectiveness. Link
- University of Michigan: Your Child - Parenting Guides & Resources: Gun Safety and Children. Link
- American Academy of Pediatrics: How Pediatricians Can Advocate for Children’s Safety in their Communities. Link
- Suicide Prevention Resource Center: Resources and Programs. Link

Prevention Practice Recommendations
This section provides an overview of expert recommendations regarding physician screening and interventions to reduce patient risk of firearm-related injuries and violence. These recommendations can be used on your next shift – or to help inform discussions at your own institution!

- UC Davis Health: Violence Prevention Research Program - What You Can Do to Stop Firearm Violence. Link
- American College of Emergency Physicians: Firearm Safety and Injury Prevention policy statement. Link
- University of Michigan: Firearm Injury Prevention. Link


• The Movement Towards Violence as a Health Issue: Creating and Mobilizing Health and Public Health/Community Systems to Reduce Violence - A Framework for Action. [Link](http://example.com)

### Emergency Medicine-Relevant Firearm Violence and Injury Prevention Programs

Below, we provide a list of state- and topic-specific firearm injury prevention programs which may be relevant to emergency physicians. The list is not exhaustive. Few programs have robust evidence of efficacy or effectiveness; relevant literature is linked when available.

#### Community Firearm Violence

This type of violence is interpersonal (not self-directed) firearm violence. Many community violence prevention programs exclude domestic (or intimate partner) violence. Note that the programs are categorized as either pre-event, post-event, or both. Pre-event interventions generally emphasize information collection, outreach, and collaboration to reduce the incidence of community firearm injury. Post-event interventions generally provide focused, hospital-based interventions for victims of interpersonal firearms violence.

- **California**
  - **Beyond Violence (Post-Event)**
    John Muir Health, Richmond
    Contact: [Link](http://example.com)

  - **Caught in the Crossfire (Post-Event)**
    Youth ALIVE, Oakland
    Contact: [Link](http://example.com), (510) 594-2588, mail@youthalive.org


  - **CHOICE (Post-Event)**
    Natividad Medical Center, Salinas
    Contact: [Link](http://example.com), (831) 772-7357, choice@natividadfoundation.org

  - **LA County Caught in the Crossfire (Post-Event)**
    Soledad Enrichment Action, Los Angeles
    Contact: [Link](http://example.com), Arquimedes Barrera, (323) 226-3670, abarrera@seacharter.net

  - **Sacramento Violence Intervention Program (SVIP) (Post-Event)**
    Kaiser Trauma Center, Sacramento
    Contact: [Link](http://example.com), DeAngelo Mack, (916) 201-0171
Wraparound Project (Post-Event)
University of California, San Francisco
Contact: [Link](#), Adaobi Nwabuo, IP Coordinator, (415) 206-3382

Colorado
- AIM (At-Risk Intervention and Mentoring) (Post-Event)
  Denver Health, Denver
  Contact: [Link](#), Sam Muramoto, Program Manager, (303) 436-7933

Connecticut
- Project Longevity (Pre- and Post-Event)
  Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven
  Contact: [Link](#), Brent Peterkin, Statewide Coordinator, (203) 314-9460, bpeterkin@project-longevity.org

Georgia
- Cops and Docs – The Georgia Firearms Notification System (Pre-Event)
  Emory/Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta
  Contact: [Link](#)

- Violence Intervention Program (VIP) (Post-Event)
  Chatham County DA/Memorial Medical Center, Savannah
  Contact: [Link](#), (912) 350-0231

Illinois
- Cure Violence Illinois/Cure Violence Chicago (Pre- and Post-Event)
  Chicago
  Contact: [Link](#)

- Healing Hurt People – Chicago (Post-Event)
  John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital, and Drexel University Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice
  Contact: [Link](#), (312) 864-2735, info@healinghurtpeoplechicago.org

- Within Our Reach (Post-Event)
  Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago

Indiana
- Prescription Hope (Pre- and Post-Event)
Eskenazi Health, Marian County
Contact: Link, (317) 880-5037

- Maryland
  - Violence Prevention Programs (Violence Intervention Project and VPP Education Programs) (Pre- and Post-Event)
    UMMC Shock Trauma, Baltimore
    Contact: Link, (410) 328-2035, prevention@umm.edu

- Massachusetts
  - Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (Post-Event)
    Boston Medical Center, Boston
    Contact: Link, (617) 414-4454


  - Violence Recovery Program (Post-Event)
    Brigham and Women’s, Boston
    Contact: Link, (617) 721-6034, violenceintervention@partners.org

- Michigan
  - D.L.I.V.E. - Detroit Life is Valuable Everyday (Post-Event)
    Detroit Medical Center – Sinai Grace Hospital and Wayne State University Department of Emergency Medicine
    Contact: Link, info@detroitlive.org

  - Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center (Pre-Event)
    University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor
    Contact: Link, (734) 647-0219, michiganyvpc@umich.edu

- Missouri
  - Victim of Violence Program (Post-Event)
    St. Louis Children’s Hospital, St. Louis
    Contact: Link, (314) 454-2376, Margie.Batek@bjc.org

- New York
  - Kings Against Violence Initiative (KAVI) (Pre and Post-Event)
    Brooklyn
    Contact: Link, info@kavibrooklyn.org

  - Operation SNUG (Pre- and Post-Event)
    Cure Violence New York, Statewide
    Contact: Link

  - Rochester Youth Violence Partnership/Project T.I.P.S. (Pre- and Post-Event)
    URMC Kessler Burn and Trauma Center, Rochester
    Contact: Link, Frank Manzo, francis_manzo@urmc.rochester.edu

- Oregon
  - Healing Hurt People – Portland (Post-Event)
    Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Portland
Contact: [Link](#), (503) 889-2515

- **Pennsylvania**
  - Cradle to Grave (Pre-Event)
    Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia
    Contact: [Link](#), [Contact form](#)
  - Healing Hurt People (Post-Event)
    Drexel University College of Medicine Emergency Department and Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice, Philadelphia
    Contact: [Link](#), Rachel Compton, Program Manager, [rachel.compton@drexelmed.edu](mailto:rachel.compton@drexelmed.edu)


- Violence Prevention Initiative: Homicide Review and Gunshot Reoccurring Injury Prevention Services (GRIPS) (Pre- and Post-Event)
  University of Pittsburgh Center for Health Equity, Pittsburgh
  Contact: [Link](#), Brianna McDonough, (412) 624-3136, blm76@pitt.edu

- **Tennessee**
  - Rx for Change (Post-Event)
    Regional One Health, Elvis Presley Trauma Center, Memphis
    Contact: [Link](#), (901) 515-HVIP, [violenceintervention@regionalonehealth.org](mailto:violenceintervention@regionalonehealth.org)

- **Virginia**
  - Violence Prevention Program
    VCU Medical Center, Richmond
    Contact: [Link](#), Likisha Frazier, Program Manager, [likisha.frazier@vcuhealth.org](mailto:likisha.frazier@vcuhealth.org)

- **Wisconsin**
  - Project Ujima
    Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
    Contact: [Link](#), (414) 266-2557

*Firearm Suicide Prevention*

This category consists of programs that seek to reduce the incidence of suicide by firearm.

- **Massachusetts**
  - Means Matter -- Gun Shop Project
    Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
    Contact: [Link](#), Cathy Barber, (617) 432-1143, [cbarber@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:cbarber@hsph.harvard.edu)

- **New Hampshire**
  - New Hampshire Firearms Safety Coalition
    Contact: [Link](#), Elaine Frank, Co-chair, (603) 308-2253, [elainefrank603@gmail.com](mailto:elainefrank603@gmail.com), or Ralph Demicco, Co-chair, (603) 296-5372, [email@rileysguns.com](mailto:email@rileysguns.com)

Relevant Research: Barber C, Frank E, Demicco R. Reducing suicides through partnerships between health professionals and gun owner groups—beyond docs vs glocks. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2017 Jan 1;177(1):5-6. [Link](#)
**Unintentional Injury Prevention**  
This category consists of programs that strive to reduce the incidence of accidental or unintended firearm-related injuries.

- **Massachusetts**  
  - Goods for Guns  
    UMass Memorial Healthcare, Worcester  
    Contact: [Link](https://injuryprevention@umassmemorial.org)

**Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence**  
This category consists of programs that aim to reduce the incidence of firearm injury in conjunction with domestic violence.

- **Maryland**  
  - The Bridge Program (Pre- and Post-Event)  
    UMMC Shock Trauma, Baltimore  
    Contact: [Link](https://prevention@umm.edu)

**Program Implementation Materials**  
This section consists of materials and resources intended to serve as guidelines for emergency departments or other organizations interested in creating their own firearms violence intervention programs. They are split into the same three categories as the above program list: unintentional injury prevention, community violence prevention/intervention, and suicide prevention.

- **Unintentional Firearm Injury Prevention**  
  - ASK – Asking Saves Kids. [Link](https://www.ask-savingkids.org)  
  - University of Michigan: Firearm Injury Prevention. [Link](https://injury.pediatrics.umich.edu)

- **Firearm Suicide Prevention**  
  - Emergency Department Means Restriction Education. [Link](https://www.eme.org/suicide-prevention)

- **Community Firearm Violence Intervention/Prevention**  
  - The Cardiff Model for Violence Prevention. [Link](https://www.cardiffmodel.org)  
  - Caught in the Crossfire: A Peer-Based Hospital Intervention Program for Violently Injured Youth. [Link](https://www.catchfire.org)  
  - Cure Violence Program. [Link](https://cureviolence.org)  
  - Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence: Healing Communities in Crisis – Lifesaving Solutions to the Urban Gun Violence Epidemic. [Link](https://www.lawcenter.org)  
  - University of Michigan Injury Center: SafER Teens 2.0. [Link](https://injury.pediatrics.umich.edu/safetyer-teens)  
  - Texas Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Injury Prevention Committee: Hospital-Based Injury Prevention Components. [Link](https://www.EMStrauma.org)  
  - Violence is Preventable: A Best Practices Guide for Launching and Sustaining a Hospital-based Program to Break the Cycle of Violence. [Link](https://violencepreventable.org)