

## **Gun Safety in USA**

Beyond the high-profile shooting tragedies in schools, houses of worship, and places of entertainment, gun violence runs rampant throughout the United States. In the U.S., we experience significantly more mass shootings than any other country.

Studies show that more gun ownership is the only variable that explains the excessive gun violence in the United States. LCWR has reminded us that "this is not about protecting the second amendment. It is about protecting the most precious resource we have, the gift of life."



One Parkland High School survivor proclaimed, "We know what we want. We want gun reform, we want common sense gun laws, we want stronger mental health checks and background checks to work in conjunction. We want a better age limit. We want privatized selling to be completely reformed so you can't just walk into a building with \$130 and walk out with an automatic weapon."

After reflecting on these words of a young determined student, you may wish to read and reflect on the article of Kathleen Bonnette, Th.D. Assistant Director, JPIC [Gun Violence: Choose Life](#)

[https://atlanticmidwest.org/files/attachments/post/just\\_act\\_-\\_gun\\_violence\\_new\\_0.pdf](https://atlanticmidwest.org/files/attachments/post/just_act_-_gun_violence_new_0.pdf)

On December 14, we will commemorate the 2012 school tragedy in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. You may wish to join these survivors with their promise.

**I promise to do all I can  
to protect children from gun violence  
by encouraging and supporting solutions  
that create safer, healthier homes, schools and communities.**



**Contact your elected officials to take up legislation immediately that:**

- **Requires universal background checks and mandatory waiting periods for all gun purchases**
- **Bans civilian ownership of high-capacity weapons and magazines**
- **Makes gun trafficking a federal crime**