



Violence Prevention

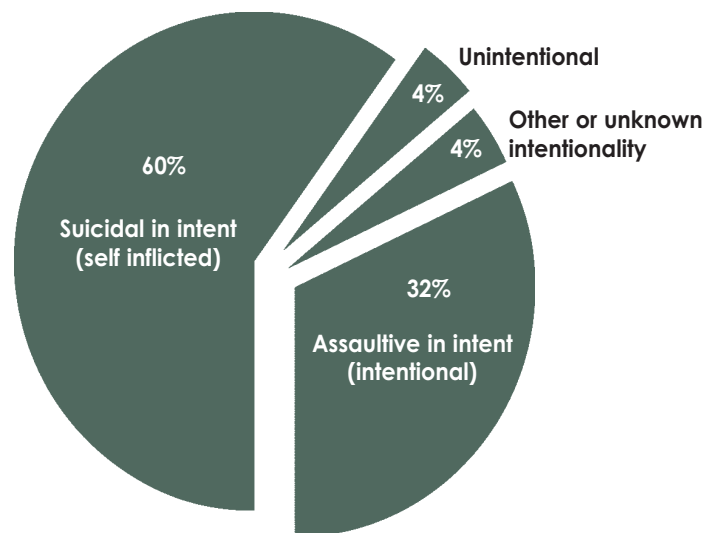
Firearms

- It is estimated that every two hours in the U.S. someone's child is killed with a loaded gun.¹
- Firearm violence is a uniquely American problem, with a rate 90 times greater than any other similar country.²
- Although firearms often are kept in the home for protection, they rarely are used for this purpose. Of 198 cases of home invasion crimes, only three victims used a gun for self defense.³
- It is estimated that half of all American households have firearms.⁴
- The risk of suicide is five times greater if there is a gun in the home, and the risk of domestic homicide is three times greater.⁵
- Over half of all handgun owners keep their guns loaded at least some of the time, and over half do not keep their guns locked up.⁶
- The presence of a gun in the home triples the risk of homicide in the home.⁷
- For every child killed by a gun, four are wounded.⁸

Percentage of Firearm Related TBI by Intent⁹

- 1995-1996 - 14 States*

*Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, South Carolina, Minnesota, Missouri, Louisiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah, Arizona, Alaska and California (Sacramento County Only)

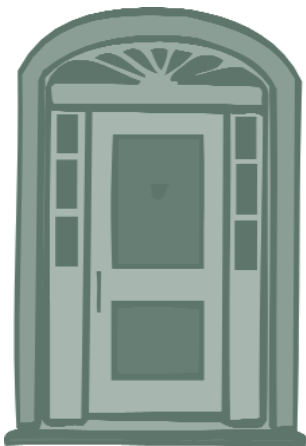


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Elder Abuse

- It is estimated that 2.1 million older Americans are victims of abuse annually, and for every one case of elder abuse that is reported, there may be as many as five cases that are unreported.¹⁰
- According to the the American Psychological Association, elder abuse can take various forms, such as neglect, physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse and financial exploitation.
- Preventing elder abuse involves educating friends and family members regarding the causes and risk factors involved.



Domestic Abuse

- It is estimated that a woman is beaten every nine seconds in the United States, which results in the leading cause of emergency room visits for women.¹¹
- Researchers have found that the head is indeed a primary target in domestic attacks against women and the effects of these batterings can result in cumulative brain injuries.¹²
- Domestic violence has immediate and long-term detrimental effects on children.

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