

- 1) require more hurdles to obtain gun license
- 2) require proof of gun license to buy ammunition
- 3) enforce waiting period at gun shows

Some requirements for getting a gun license:

1) no criminal record, no restraining orders or history of domestic violence,

2) No DUI record in last 2 years

3) no mental illness record, especially depression, schizophrenia, suicidal

Must be evaluated by a doctor (?)

4) must pass written gun safety test (see video idea below)

5) must provide proof of purchase of secure gun locker?

6) must watch educational, graphic and emotional VIDEO about gun violence (and accidents) and importance of securing weapons, regarding:

- prevalence of suicides because gun was in the house and impact on Survivors. (Where to go if a person is suicidal.)

- trauma of accidental children gun deaths - the emotional and financial impact on entire surviving family - especially the life long guilt a child faces of shooting a friend or relative accidentally. Their parents might even have to go to jail. What adult would want to put a child through that?

- domestic manslaughter - because a gun was in the house during a domestic dispute - statistics

- accidental deaths (hunting while drunk?) and liability costs

7) Suspend gun license and impound weapon if, it caught in possession of a weapon while intoxicated

Also, I believe there was a story in the Wall Street journal a few years ago describing how researchers had a room of (8?) year old boys and gave them a 20 minute gun safety lecture and made sure they all understood what to do if they ever found a gun at a friends house:

1) don't touch it.

2) Go tell an adult.

As a test, they had left a realistic empty gun hidden under a sofa cushion in the room. The adults said "you boys play in this room a few minutes while we go get the snacks." Within 5 or 10 minutes one of the boys found the gun under the cushion and pulled the trigger. This was immediately after having received a gun safety class.

This shows that even with gun safety instruction, unsecured guns are never safe.

Hope these ideas are helpful.

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