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Newsletter Editor's Message

Gun violence in the workplace, in our schools, in theaters and at outdoor events have become commonplace in America. Heartbreaking, isn't it? What can we do about it? The Prevention Institute <https://www.preventioninstitute.org> has some recommendations for reducing gun related violence. Here is a summary of those recommendations:

Gun safety: Reduce the imminent risk of lethality through sensible gun laws and a culture of safety.

Public health solutions: Recognize gun violence as a critical and preventable public health problem.

Comprehensive solutions: Support community planning and implementation of comprehensive safety plans that include prevention and intervention.

Trauma, connection, and services: Expand access to high quality, culturally competent, coordinated, social, emotional, and mental health supports and address the impact of trauma.

Support gun violence research: Ensure that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and others have the resources to study this issue and provide science-based guidance.

Health system: Establish a comprehensive health system in which violence prevention is a health system responsibility and imperative.

Community healing: Prevent community trauma.

Mental health and wellbeing: Invest in communities to promote resilience and mental health and wellbeing.

Support healthy norms about masculinity: Explore the pathways between gun violence and harmful norms that have been about maintaining power and privilege.

Impulsive anger: Explore the linkages between anger and gun violence.

Economic development: Reduce concentrated disadvantage and invest in employment opportunities.

Law enforcement violence: Establish accountability for sworn officers and private security.

Technology: Advance gun safety and self-defense technology.

The above list is a rather complete, and aggressive, approach to reeling in gun violence. Do our lawmakers and society have the fortitude to adopt any of these actions? Something needs to be done to curb gun violence in this country. Let's start with some of these recommendations.