

Gun Free South Africa

Reducing gun violence
Making South Africa safer



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Latest crime stats confirm SA's violence bloodbath fuelled by guns



Crime statistics for the last two quarters confirm that SA's violence bloodbath is fuelled by guns. They show that:

- Guns are the leading cause of murder
- 30 people are shot and murdered with a gun every day

In addition to highlighting the extent of South Africa's violence bloodbath, crime statistics hold crucial information to guide crime and violence reduction interventions. They show that gender, weapon and motive matter. Read more [here](#).

#GunsOutOfHand



In partnership with creative agency KNOWN, GFSA invites you to join the conversation to stop gun violence in SA

#GunsOutOfHand gives voice to the people in South Africa whose lives have been destroyed, in an instant, by a gun.



30 GUN
MURDERS
PER DAY

These include the family of 16-year-old Josh Edwards, who await justice for the shooting of their son by another minor.

The story of Lynworth Mentoor, the victim and survivor of a stray bullet from an unknown shooter.

And Avril, a mother left without her son Alcardo Andrews, who is working with other mothers who have lost children from gun violence.

What we find in all #GunsOutOfHand stories is that gun violence can happen to anyone.

We want people to say, 'yes, that happened to me too'. If people speak up about how guns got out of hand in their life, maybe they can stop just one bullet. Or many.

Join the #GunsOutOfHand conversation on social media or follow the link to find out how you can take action

Gun Free Zones

Islands of safety in a sea of guns

GFSA has been working in communities in Gauteng and the Western Cape to establish Gun Free Zones. From restaurants to early childhood centres, people are saying no to guns in their space.

Now our work is being amplified in other countries. The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has developed a short course on Gun Free Zones. Read more here.



Don't groom for violence this holiday season

**DON'T GROOM FOR
VIOLENCE
VIOLENCE IS
NOT FUN**

**Guns are not toys
Guns are not fun**



Happy holidays



Every toy given to a child carries the message that we approve of that toy.

30 people are murdered with guns every day in SA.

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Guns are not fun*

Please don't buy toys as gifts.

Did you know?

Nearly 60% of children aged between 7-17 can't tell the difference between toy guns and real firearms

Wishing you and your family a safe holiday season,
and all the very best for 2023