

WHERE DO ILLEGAL GUNS COME FROM?

EVERY ILLEGAL GUN BEGINS LIFE AS A LEGAL GUN



3 WAYS LEGAL GUNS FLOW INTO THE ILLEGAL MARKET

1 FRAUD & CORRUPTION

Unfit people granted legal guns



2 SMUGGLING

Legal guns trafficked between countries



3 LOSS & THEFT



is the **GREATEST SOURCE** of **ILLEGAL GUNS**

2 from police per day



20 from civilians per day

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF GUNS LOST OR STOLEN A DAY (SAPS, 2015/16)

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE

SAVE LIVES BY STOPPING LEGAL GUNS ENTERING ILLEGAL MARKETS

THE LEAKAGE OF GUNS



THE PRINSLOO CASE

- 2400 guns earmarked for destruction were stolen by a corrupt police officer and sold to gang lords in the Western Cape (2015).



IMPACT

- 888 (37%) of these guns have been recovered and forensically linked to 1066 murders.
- 261 children were shot and 89 killed with these guns.
- More than 1100 of these guns remain in the illegal market.



It's very important that recovered guns are destroyed otherwise they can leak back into the illegal pool.

GUN DESTRUCTIONS MUST BE AUDITED to ensure accuracy of actual numbers

800 000
GUNS ARE DESTROYED GLOBALLY EACH YEAR

MOP UP



THE BEST WAY TO GET ILLEGAL GUNS OUT OF CIRCULATION IS TO MOP THEM UP. THERE ARE NO LAWS REGULATING THE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS ONCE THEY ARE IN THE ILLEGAL POOL.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO MOP UP GUNS

1 RECOVER GUNS

The SAPS conducts intelligence driven, and search and seizure operations to recover guns.

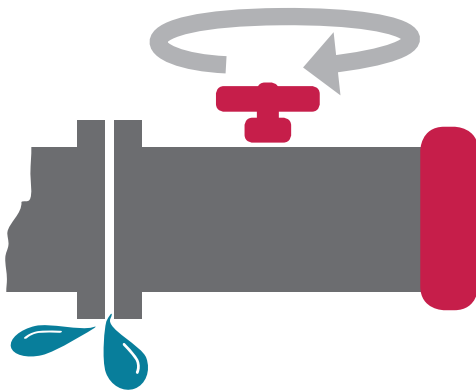
2 VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AND AMNESTIES

Government holds gun buy-backs or a national firearms amnesty and encourages people to hand in their guns.

Firearm Destruction



CLOSE THE TAP



EVERY ILLEGAL GUN STARTED LIFE AS A LEGAL GUN. CLOSING THE TAP REQUIRES STRICTLY REGULATING LEGAL GUNS.

Ensure that only 'fit and proper' manufacturers, traders and owners are granted a firearm certificate, licence, permit or authorisation.

THE FIREARMS CONTROL ACT (2000) MAKES PROVISION FOR:

1 BACKGROUND CHECKS

To ensure:

- An applicant has no criminal convictions or history of violence, substance abuse and meets all the criteria in the Act, including installation of a safe.

2 REGULAR LICENCE RENEWAL

To ensure:

- The person remains 'fit and proper' for the responsibility of firearm ownership.
- The person still has their firearm in their possession.

Laws are only as good as their enforcement; strong gun laws save lives, poor enforcement kills.

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