

## ***U.S. Gun Violence Fact Sheet***

**59 Gun Suicides/Day** are the largest share of our **92 U.S. daily firearms deaths.**

(CDC statistics for 2014. Annual Gun Suicide total: **21,386**)

What can we do?

- Share Suicide prevention hotline number, **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**.
- The 3 things that most increase suicides are: depression, impulsivity, and access to a gun. *Store* all guns safely, locked and unloaded.
- Be aware that the majority of gun deaths in the US are gun suicides.

**30 Homicides/Day** are the 2nd largest share of our **92 U.S. daily firearms deaths.**

(CDC statistics, 2014. Annual Gun Homicide total: **11,008**)

What can we do?

- Background checks save lives. Urge your representatives to support and pass Universal Background Checks Bills. Maryland law requires background checks for all sales of handguns and assault weapons, but still allows “private sales” of other firearms without background checks.
- Women in Domestic Violence Situations are 5 times more likely to be killed when a gun is present.

**3 Daily Accident/Undetermined Intent Gun Deaths** are a tragic part of our **92 U.S. daily firearms deaths.**

(CDC statistics for 2014. Annual Gun Accident/UI Death total: **1,200**)

What can we do?

- Store all firearms locked and unloaded, protecting children and teens.
- Read about lack of safety standards in manufacturing that cause firearms to fail a simple “drop test” in David Hemenway’s *Private Guns Public Health*.