



STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Office of Governor Mark Dayton

Legislation Supported by Governor Dayton to Reduce Gun Violence Throughout Minnesota

In 2003, two Minnesota students were shot and killed by their classmate at Rocori High School. Two years later, in 2005, a shooting at Red Lake Senior High School left another ten people dead, including a teacher, five students, a security guard, and the perpetrator's own grandfather. Since 2003, there have been at least 879 criminal homicides committed with guns in Minnesota.

Governor Dayton is committed to enacting broadly supported legislation this session to reduce gun violence and save lives. In addition to the Governor's proposed [Safe and Secure Schools Act](#), Governor Dayton has called on the Legislature to enact new policies to reduce gun violence in Minnesota by passing the following measures that have been proposed by legislators this session.

Reducing Gun Violence and Saving Lives in Minnesota

Policy	Description
Requiring Criminal Background Checks	Governor Dayton supports legislative proposals to require criminal background checks any time a firearm is exchanged. This requirement would protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners, while making it more difficult for criminals to access guns.
Limiting Assault Rifles to People Older than 21	Governor Dayton supports legislative proposals to restrict the purchase of semiautomatic military-style assault weapons , like the ones used in the Newtown and Parkland shootings, to individuals older than 21.
Red Flag Law for Individuals Found to be a Danger to Themselves or Others	At least 24 Minnesotans were killed by a current or former intimate partner in 2017. More than 50 percent of these deaths were the result of firearms. Governor Dayton supports measures to allow family members and law enforcement personnel to ask a judge to temporarily suspend a person's access to firearms, if they have documented evidence that the person poses a serious threat to themselves or others.

Clarify Bump Fire Stocks Ban	The 2017 Las Vegas shooting left 58 people dead and 851 injured. The killer in that tragedy used a bump fire stock to increase his rate of fire. Governor Dayton supports measures proposed by state legislators to clarify that Minnesota law already bars the sale and use of bump fire stocks.
Allowing Public Health Research into Gun Violence	Governor Dayton supports legislative proposals to collect data on gun ownership for purposes of public health research. A better understanding of the factors causing gun violence could help to improve future efforts to protect lives.

To learn about additional legislative proposals supported by Governor Dayton to reduce gun violence and save lives, [click here](#).

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