



California Rifle & Pistol Association is one of the oldest and most well-established civil rights and education organizations in the nation. The main goal of CRPA is to protect the rights of Californians by providing programs that teach safety, security, and conservation of our natural resources. To advance these efforts, CRPA would like to provide you with resources that dispel common gun myths and information regarding the many training and educational options that are offered.

Common Myths of Gun Facts

MYTH: Thirty thousand people are killed with guns every year.

FACT: 61% of these reported deaths are suicides. Numerous studies have shown that the presence or absence of a firearm does not change the overall suicide rate. This number also includes self-defense and accidents.

MYTH: Gun Ownership is falling in the United States.

FACT: In two recent polls (ABC/POST and Gallop) the numbers show household gun ownership rates have remained steady.

MYTH: The Brady Campaign has good information for ranking state gun control laws.

FACT: There is zero correlation between the letter grades given by the Brady Campaign and the violent crime or murder rate in those states. The states that the Brady campaign ranks as first and last have nearly identical violent crime rates.

MYTH: 1,000 people die each day from guns.

Fact: 25% of this figure includes "direct war deaths" and another 14% are suicides. smallarmssurvey.org admits that the figure is an estimate based upon incomplete information.





- MYTH:** High capacity magazines lead to more deadly shootings.
- FACTS:** The number of shots fired by a criminal has not changed significantly even with the increased capacity of firearms. The average magazine swap time for a non-expert shooter is 2-3 seconds. In the case of the Newtown Sandy Hook incident, the gunman performed 10 magazine changes from the time he entered the building to when the police arrived.
Firearm homicides declined from 6.3 to 4.2 (per 100,000 population) from 1981-1998 when the increase in semi-automatic and large capacity magazines were rising at a fast rate while fatal shootings of police officers declined sharply from 1988-1993.
- MYTH:** The powerful gun lobby stops all gun control legislation.
- FACTS:** The so called "gun lobby" is out spent on a regular basis by anti-gun forces. Total political contributions from firearm industry members, PACS and employees was less than \$4.4 million in the 2002 election cycle which made the industry the 64th ranked contributor. Recent ballot initiatives in Arizona and Oregon follow this same pattern of the industry being far outspent in the political arena.
<https://www.lifezette.com/polizette/four-liberal-pacs-outspent-the-roadblocknra-in-2016/>
- MYTH:** The only purpose for a gun is to kill people.
- FACT:** Guns are used in self-defense 2.5 million times a year in the U.S. Guns are used as a deterrent to crime even when no rounds are fired. Guns are also used in sports, hunting, practical pistol, skeet, and the Olympic Games.
- MYTH:** Gun shows are dangerous because people can just walk in and get a gun or ammunition due to "gun show loopholes."
- FACTS:** There are no "gun show loopholes" in California. In fact, gun shows and vendors must work closely with the California Department of Justice to follow very strict rules in the operation of the shows. All transactions at gun shows must go through a licensed dealer, with a background check, and a 10 day waiting period. Firearms and ammunition are kept separate and out of the





direct reach of the public without assistance from a licensed dealer. Gun shows are family events filled with speakers, education events, lifestyle vendors and more. Even more, there has never been an incident of a violent mass shooter at a gun show and there is no threat to public safety in the communities that host gun shows.

MYTH: Gun sales are too easy and place the community around a gun store in danger.

FACT: When licensed gun dealers are conducting transactions, they are legally obligated to abide by federal and state laws. Persons who want to purchase a firearm must go through a background check, wait for 10 days before getting the firearm, prove that they are not a prohibited person, and pass a safety test before gaining access to a firearm. Ammunition is also kept away from the general public and can only be accessed with the assistance of a store employee who has had a background check and obtained a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the California DOJ. General store safety and security protocols must also be followed by gun stores.

MYTH: More stringent background checks would stop criminals from getting guns.

FACT: This is not always the case. There is no crystal ball that can be looked into to see if a person is going to commit a crime with a lawfully purchased firearm. With nearly 40% of crime guns coming from the black-market street dealers, criminals are the ones that police should focus on. Most criminals are not going to submit to a background check anyway. The law-abiding citizen (which is the majority of gun purchasers) being subjected to more laws and background checks will not stop violent crime. Only insuring that the prohibited persons database for all states is accurate and getting tough on crime will.





The following are some of the many training, safety and educational programs offered through the CRPA, the NRA, and our partners.

SAFETY AND TRAINING SOLUTIONS

PROJECT CHILD SAFE®



Project Child Safe® is a nationwide program that seeks to educate firearm owners and the general public about the critical need for safe storage and responsible gun ownership, and is the largest, most comprehensive firearm safety education program in the United States.

Project Child Safe® is a real firearm safety solution that helps make communities safer. Since 1999, more than 15,000 law enforcement agencies have partnered with the program to distribute more than 37 million firearm safety kits to gun owners in all 50 states and five U.S. territories. Through vital partnerships with elected officials, community leaders, state agencies, businesses, the firearms industry and other stakeholders, Project Child Safe® has helped raise awareness about the safe and responsible ownership of firearms and the importance of storing firearms securely when not in use to help prevent accidents, theft and misuse.

A copy of the 2017 annual review of the Project Child Safe® program can be viewed online at <http://www.projectchildsafe.org/sites/default/files/Project%20ChildSafe%202017%20Annual%20Review.pdf>.

For more information, visit <http://www.projectchildsafe.org/> or contact the CRPA at (714) 992-2772.

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EDDIE EAGLE GUNSAFE® PROGRAM



The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program is a gun accident prevention program that seeks to help parents, law enforcement, community groups and educators navigate a topic paramount to our children's safety. The Program started in 1988 with a simple mission: teach children four simple, easy to remember steps so they know what to do if they ever come across a firearm.

Developed by a task force of educators, school administrators, curriculum specialists, urban housing safety officials, clinical psychologists, and law enforcement, the Program makes no value judgments about firearms, no firearms are ever used, and it covers an important topic that needs to be addressed with kids. The Program has been designed to be incorporated into existing school curriculum with materials available in both English and Spanish.

Over the 30 years since its inception, The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program has reached more than 20 million children in all 50 states. During that same time, the United States has seen an 80% reduction in fatal firearm accidents in the Eddie Eagle age group since the program began according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

For more information visit the website at <https://eddieeagle.nra.org/>

Check out the latest video for Eddie Eagle!

<https://youtu.be/Ho36vonT3Rw>





NATIONAL SCHOOL SHIELD® PROGRAM



Introduced in 2012, The National School Shield® Program is dedicated to the protection of our children. It is committed to addressing the many facets of school security, including best practices in security infrastructure, technology, personnel, training, and policy. Through this multidimensional effort, The National School Shield® Program seeks to engage communities and empower leaders to help make our schools more secure.

But there is no one-size-fits-all approach to school security. To that end, The National School Shield® Program seeks to facilitate a continuum of assessment and improvement for all schools to integrate as needs demand.

Download the Summary Report of the National School Shield® Task Force to learn more about the findings and recommendations that helped shape The National School Shield® Program at <https://www.nationalschoolshield.org/media/1844/summary-report-of-the-national-school-shield-task-force.pdf>.

For more information visit the website at <https://www.nationalschoolshield.org/about/>

FIREARM SAFETY TRAINING AND EDUCATION





The NRA is recognized nationally as the gold standard for safe firearm training, developing millions of safe, ethical, responsible shooters and instructors. Its courses are designed and developed by experts in the field to help students learn the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for the safe handling, storage, and use of firearms. What's more, both NRA and CRPA routinely provide information on how prospective and current firearm owners can seek out additional training opportunities.

Hunter Safety courses are some of the most comprehensive safety courses available. They are designed to help new hunters of all ages learn how to be safe and responsible members of the hunting and firearm community. CRPA works with the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife to offer these courses. The efforts to train hunters (young and old) in safety and conservation helps to raise the needed funding for wildlife conservation and care of state lands throughout the state. That park that you enjoy walking your dog in was probably supported by Hunter Education Program dollars.

CRPA and NRA emphasize firearm safety fundamentals in many ways. Today in our world, it is very important to feel and be competent in your ability to protect yourself and those that you love. CRPA and NRA take pride in programs that help gun owners maintain safety while providing protection to themselves and those around them. Training classes focus on women, home firearm safety, houses of worship protection, personal protection, hunter safety and education and more. Thousands of responsible gun owners graduate from these classes each year.

For more information on training visit <https://www.crpa.org/crpa-events/training-calendar/>
Or <https://firearmtraining.nra.org/>





REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM®



We never think a crime can happen to us—until it does. While sometimes unfortunate things do happen unexpectedly, it is important to be equipped with the knowledge and skills for personal safety and crime prevention.

The single most important step toward ensuring your own safety is having a personal safety strategy in place before you need it. NRA's Refuse To Be A Victim® program teaches the tips and techniques you need to be alerted to dangerous situations and to avoid becoming a victim. Seminars are held across the nation and are open to men and women of all ages.

The Refuse To Be A Victim® program is not a firearms or self-defense class. It's a seminar that will help you improve personal safety strategies and will provide you with valuable information that you can apply in every area of your life.

Hundreds of federal, state and local law enforcement officials from across the nation utilize this popular program in their crime prevention and community policing initiatives. Corporations, educational institutions and community centers have also adopted the program.

For more information visit the website at <https://rtbav.nra.org/> or contact CRPA at (714)992-2772.

