



Mission

Moms Against Guns strives to build a powerful constituency of voters to advocate for stricter, more meaningful, common sense gun laws in Pennsylvania and their enforcement through petition, legislative advocacy and the ballot box.

Founder

Philanthropist Lynne Honickman, mother, grandmother and lifelong advocate for children's health, education and a better quality of life.

History

In October 2007, Honickman founded Moms Against Guns, a viral, online and word-of-mouth marketing campaign demanding the passage of more effective gun laws in Pennsylvania. Through the campaign, thousands of individuals have contacted lawmakers and participated in rallies in Harrisburg during house votes on new gun laws and in community forums that help build understanding and support.

Issue

Violent crime involving illegal handguns in Pennsylvania has risen substantially in recent years. The number of children and teenagers involved in gun violence, both as victims and shooters, continues to grow while Pennsylvania's gun legislation remains weak and ineffective. While polls show public support of revisions to current laws to decrease illegal handguns, nothing has changed.

Advocacy

Moms Against Guns has a goal of collecting 50,000 signatures to be sent to Pennsylvania legislators. Through rallies, letters to the editor and partnerships with other advocacy groups, Moms Against Guns raises awareness and encourages individuals to get involved through volunteering, signing a petition and/or voting for legislators who support common sense gun laws. By pooling resources with organizations including Cease Fire PA, the Brady Campaign and the Million Mom March, Moms Against Guns has been able to garner support across Pennsylvania.

Website: www.MomsAgainstGuns.org



<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6261129045&ref=ts#/pages/Moms-Against-Guns/8383682853?ref=ts>

Pennsylvania Facts and Statistics:

- In PA, gun violence is responsible for the deaths of 1,200 people each year and ranks #6 in the nation for handgun homicides involving children.
- PA has the nation's highest rate of black homicide victims with 29.52 murders per 100,000, which equates to more than six times the overall US rate for victims of all races. 81% of these homicides are committed with handguns.
- PA is currently the #1 source state for recovered crime guns in Camden and Trenton, NJ. PA is a bigger source for crime guns recovered in New York City than the State of New York.
- PA homicides by firearms rose 36% between 2000 and 2006 with 27 counties recording an increase.
- Over 80% of killings in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are committed with handguns, most often by people with criminal records who are unable lawfully to purchase them.
- 179 people age 7-24 were killed in Philadelphia last year. Of those, 94% were killed with firearms, ranking Philadelphia highest in the number of gun homicides in the nation.
- Pittsburgh's 2008 homicide rate is the highest in over a decade.
- Between 2005 and 2006, robberies with firearms were up 77% in Erie, 57% in Allentown, 36% in Williamsport, 28% in Reading, and 12% in Allegheny County.
- In a recent CeaseFire poll in six PA legislative districts, 96% of Pennsylvanians said they supported a lost or stolen handgun reporting requirement. 92% of gun owners said they supported a lost or stolen handgun reporting law.

By The Numbers:

- **30,000** :Number of Americans who die each year from gun violence
- **42 million**: Number of U.S. households with at least one gun
- **283 million**: Number of guns in the U.S.
- **84**: Average number of daily gun-related deaths in the U.S.
- **500%**: increase in chance of a partner's death if a domestic abuser owns a gun