



Universal Background Checks

It's time to put an end to loopholes in gun sales.



In states with background checks for **all handgun sales...**

48% fewer on-duty police officers are shot and killed.



Suspect guns related to **gang shootings in Northeast Portland**: One at a KFC restaurant on Feb. 4, another at Woodlawn Park on Feb. 7.

The two **suspects, 14 years old**, were arrested on Feb. 12 with **several semi-automatic guns in their possession**.





Two people were arrested in Southwest Portland during a **drug investigation**. In their possession: heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, **four handguns and a shotgun**.

A **convicted felon** was menacing his brother with a gun in Northeast Portland. Police found in his home **10 additional firearms, ammunition, and body armor**.





Law-abiding people can unknowingly sell guns to criminals in private sales.

No law-abiding person wants to sell a gun to someone who's going to hurt someone else.

Background checks on private sales are a tool to help law-abiding people sell guns responsibly.



In states with background checks for **all handgun sales...**

48% fewer people commit suicide with guns.

In Portland, in less than one month:

Aug. 31: Police took away a **suicidal woman's** firearm for safekeeping.

Sept. 15: A man committed **suicide with a** shotgun in a parking lot.

Sept. 27: A man **committed suicide with a** handgun. His mother found his body.

The single most important thing we can do to **reduce gun violence** is to require a **criminal background check for every gun sale.**

