
HELP PREVENT GUN SUICIDE

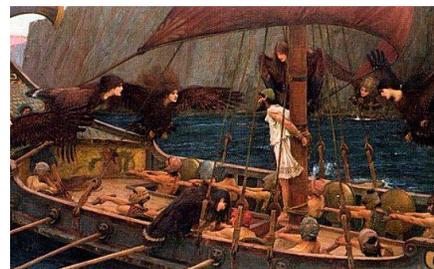
Proposal: Individuals should be allowed to put their *own* names onto the national “No-Guns List” to prevent their own future gun purchases.

<http://stopgunsuicide.com>

In the U.S., around 20,000 people each year commit suicide using a firearm. We could reduce that number by allowing people who fear suicide to make it more difficult to get a gun during a suicidal crisis. Currently, before you can buy a gun from a dealer, the dealer must check to see if your name is on a national list of people prohibited from buying a gun (for example, convicted felons). This process usually takes just minutes and in most states, if you pass, you can immediately walk out with a gun.

Individuals should be allowed to put their *own* names onto the list to prevent their own future gun purchases.

The voluntary and confidential sign-up process would include identity verification to avoid fraud and forgery. There would also be an option to change your mind and have your name removed from the list, with a one-week delay or after a judicial hearing for those who want greater protection. This simple law could save hundreds of lives with no government mandates.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

1. Sign the petition at <http://stopgunsuicide.com>
2. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook: “StopGunSuicide”

KEY FACTS

- Hundreds of gun suicides each year involve recently acquired guns.
- Many suicide attempts are impulsive.
- The vast majority of suicide attempt survivors go on to die of something other than suicide.
- **When surveyed about this proposal, a large percentage of psychiatric patients said they would add their own name to the list.**

“The right to bear arms must certainly embrace the option not to bear them. And extending this right by giving citizens the right to pre-commit not to purchase firearms should be seen as enhancing our liberty.”

-- Professor Ian Ayres, Yale Law School