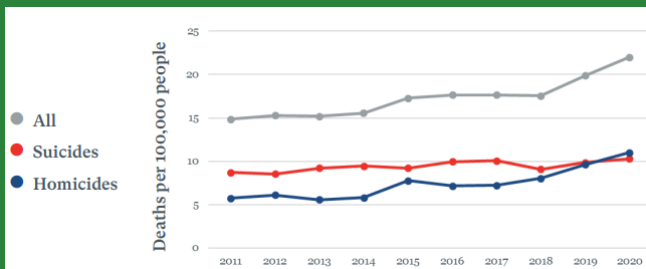


GUN VIOLENCE

THE ISSUE

In an average year, 964 people die and 2,358 are wounded by guns in South Carolina.

South Carolina has the 6th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



South Carolina has the 5th highest rate in the nation for childhood deaths due to guns.

Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in South Carolina. An average of 92 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 31% of these deaths are suicides and 59% are homicides.

81% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 67% nationwide.



THE LAW

2023 bill H.3594 "Constitutional Carry"
Allows for firearms owners to carry handguns openly or concealed without a state permit or required safety training.

Allows anyone 18 or older to purchase a gun. Concealed weapon permits were previously only available to age 21+

GROUPS TO JOIN/FOLLOW



Democrats believe

that we can reduce gun violence while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners.

We believe we should expand and strengthen background checks for those who want to purchase a firearm – because it shouldn't be easier to get a gun than a driver's license. We believe we should ensure that guns don't fall into the hands of terrorists (whether they be domestic or foreign), domestic abusers, other violent criminals, or those who have shown signs of danger toward themselves or others. And we believe we should treat gun violence as the deadly public health crisis it is.