

URMC FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

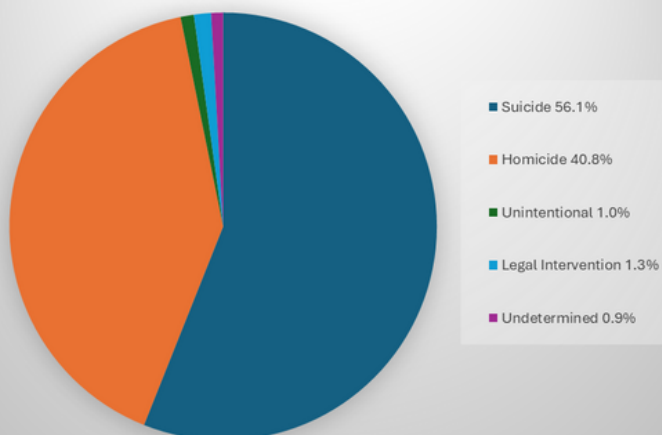


June is Gun Violence Awareness Month...

a time to honor victims and survivors of firearm violence across the United States. GVAM is an opportunity for communities to come together to find ways to prevent it and effectively respond to those who have experienced it.

WHAT IS FIREARM VIOLENCE?

Firearm-Related Deaths 2022 (48,204)



Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions September 2024



WHAT IS WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND?

The Wear Orange event occurs nationwide the first weekend in June to bring attention to gun violence and its impact. The event began as a way for friends to honor the life of a young woman shot and killed in Chicago in 2013. They wore orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others, and to commemorate her life. See the events calendar below for Rochester Wear Orange events.

[Wear Orange website](#)

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Provider Spotlight

I begin each workday with a glimpse of the crystal angel suncatcher hanging on my window; a matching angel I gave to his mother after he died. It would remind us both of the story of infinite possibility, perseverance, and devastating loss intertwined. After losing a former patient to gun violence—a young man who had fought so hard to overcome obstacles and finally found his place in this world- I found myself at a crossroads in my counseling practice. His death wasn't just a statistic to me; it was the loss of someone whose determination and resilience I had witnessed firsthand. He embodied innocence, kindness and love. He was a hard worker, devoted entirely to helping others. And in an instant, on his way home from a volunteer event, the beautiful life he built for himself was tragically ended all from one bullet fired from one gun.



In honor of his memory, I began integrating more firearm safety assessments and interventions into my standard practice. I now see through a different lens the curious toddler who at age three is strong enough to pull a trigger, the depressed teen who has been contemplating suicide and the impulsive twelve-year-old desperate for peer validation. This work has revealed a profound truth- meaningful prevention happens in the office and it starts with one simple question: "Can you tell me about how you store your firearms?" These conversations are not about politics. In fact, most parents are receptive when it comes to the safety of their children. It is about creating time and space between a moment of crisis and an irreversible action. Most importantly, these conversations can and should be initiated by healthcare providers across all specialties.



Today there is a light from the crystal angel in my office that casts gentle reflections onto the faces of the patients and parents who sit before me. And each time a parent tells me that they have secured their firearm more safely, I see it as a way of honoring the legacy of a wonderful young man who was taken far too soon.



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June Events Calendar

JUNE 6



Golisano Children's Hospital Wear Orange

Strong Memorial Hospital Lobby

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wear Orange to End Gun Violence

Parcel 5, Rochester, NY

4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

JUNE 12

June 12

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

FIPP co-directors, Jennifer West and Corey Nichols, will present with Lifespan in the webinar: **The Elephant in the Room:**

Firearm Safety and Dementia

To register: lifespan-roch.org/news-events



June 12

FIPP Director Jennifer West, PhD, joins Pediatrician Crystal Craig, MD, and Adam Oplinger, B.S., R.N., C.E.N., TCRN, Pediatric Trauma Program Manager, to talk about ASK Day and the importance of secure firearm storage.



JUNE 21



ASK Day

ASK Day is a national effort to encourage caregivers to ask about firearms in the spaces where their children spend time outside of the home.

ASK Day is June 21 | Brady United

*Secure Firearm Storage Saves Lives!**

Keep your firearms unloaded and locked
with ammunition stored separately

Guide to Secure Gun Storage Devices

Secure gun storage can be a lifesaver. It can prevent theft and access by children, unauthorized users, and anyone who may pose a danger to themselves or others. The best device for you is the one that is most appropriate for the circumstances in your household.



Full-Size Gun Safe

Storage of multiple guns in one place. Biometric lock more secure than key or passcode.

\$200–\$2,000

- ✓ Prevents access by children
- ✓ Prevents access by unauthorized users
- ✓ Prevents theft (if secured to a structure in home)
- ✓ Enables fast access



Lock Box/Locker

Smaller and lighter than safe. Biometric lock more secure than key or passcode.

\$25–\$350

- ✓ Prevents access by children
- ✓ Prevents access by unauthorized users
- ✓ Provides secure vehicle storage
- ✓ Enables fast access



Console/Vehicle Gun Safe

For storage in a vehicle. Biometric lock more secure than key or passcode.

\$50–\$350

- ✓ Prevents access by children
- ✓ Prevents access by unauthorized users
- ✓ Prevents theft (if secured to a structure in car)
- ✓ Provides secure vehicle storage
- ✓ Enables fast access



Gun Case

For home or in-transit storage of one firearm. Uses external lock.

\$10–\$150

- ✓ Prevents access by children
- ✓ Prevents access by unauthorized users
- ✓ Enables fast access



Trigger Lock

Locks trigger of single weapon. Never use with loaded gun. May be dismantled with minimal tools and skills, so not as effective with older children and teens.

\$10–\$75

- ✓ Prevents use by small children
- ✓ Enables fast access



Cable Lock

Cable runs through action of single weapon to prevent firing. Ammunition must be removed for lock use. May be dismantled with minimal tools and skills, so not as effective with older children and teens.

\$0*–\$50

- ✓ Prevents use by small children
- ✓ Enables fast access

*Often provided free with firearm purchase.



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for more information and details at:
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