


# SIMPLE, CHEAP DEVICES CAN TURN SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS INTO MACHINE GUNS

  
**1,200**

the number of rounds that can be fired  
per minute from handguns modified  
with a machine gun switch

  
**5X**

more handguns that have been  
converted to machine guns seized  
by ATF in the past 5 years: 31K total

  
**\$20**

the cost of buying a machine gun  
switch online, often from Russia or  
China

In 2023, Brackenridge Police Chief Justin McIntire was killed by a man who later shot at police with a handgun-turned-machine gun using a switch. The shooter had a felony conviction and was legally barred from firearm possession.

## MORE FACTS

### Conservative States Ban These Devices. So Should PA.

Machine gun switches are currently banned under federal law, but without a state law that does the same, local district attorneys can't prosecute this crime, only federal law enforcement can. Federal law enforcement is already stretched thin and is less likely to prosecute these crimes than local law enforcement.


It is crucial that Pennsylvania be the next state to ban these DIY machine gun conversion devices.

**23 states including Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, and Virginia  
have passed their own laws banning these switches.**

## TAKE A STAND

To learn more visit [www.ceasefirepa.org](http://www.ceasefirepa.org)

 [info@ceasefirepa.org](mailto:info@ceasefirepa.org)

 215-923-3151

There are different types of devices that are able to turn handguns, shotguns and rifles into machine guns.

Type of Converter	How it Works	Examples in Use
<p>Bump stocks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attaches to rifle stock</li> <li>• With constant pressure but only one pull, makes rifle fire over and over again using recoil energy</li> <li>• Increases rate of fire between 400 - 800 rounds per minute</li> <li>• Legal because its not considered a “machine gun” under federal law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used in Las Vegas Harvest 91 Festival in 2017 to kill 60 people</li> </ul>
<p>Auto sears, Glock switches,” and “machine gun conversion switches”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nickel-size plastic or metal devices that are fit into a handgun</li> <li>• Cheap, easy to buy online or 3D-print</li> <li>• Allows handgun to fire repeatedly with only one pull of the trigger, like machine gun</li> <li>• Combine extreme lethality and inaccuracy of a machine gun with concealability of handgun – ideal for people who want to inflict lots of indiscriminate damage as quickly as possible</li> <li>• Banned under federal law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A man in Lebanon County was arrested after customs agents intercepted a package from China containing 26 machine gun conversion devices."</li> <li>• A man who fired on police in Harrisburg was using a handgun fitted with a machine gun conversion switch</li> </ul>