

GHOST GUNS EVADE SAFETY LAWS: TREAT THEM LIKE THE REAL, DEADLY GUNS THEY ARE



4,600%

increase in number of ghost guns recovered by police in Philadelphia from 2018-2022



10X

increase in ghost guns reported to ATF nationally from 2016-2022



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states have made ghost guns subject to the same rules governing traditional guns

In Bucks County, a man killed three with a ghost gun, then fled police, sparking an interstate manhunt and community lockdown. In Johnstown, police barely stopped a school shooting by two teenagers who bought ghost AR-15's online. A mass shooting with ghost guns at Philadelphia's South Street entertainment district left three people dead and 11 injured.

Ghost guns are mail-order, do-it-yourself firearms that can be assembled from a kit with no serial number, can be purchased without a background check, and can sometimes be 3D-printed. Their ability to evade our safety laws has turned them into the weapon of choice for violent individuals.

Guns will be kept out of the wrong hands and lives will be saved by simply requiring ghost gun buyers to pass a background check and mandating that manufacturers put serial numbers on ghost gun kits.

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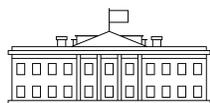
A ghost gun kit can be assembled in as little as 30 minutes with simple tools, turning it into a fully-functional, untraceable, deadly firearm.



Felons who are prohibited from purchasing traditional firearms are normally stopped at the point of sale by a background check – but no background checks are required to buy a ghost gun kit, allowing easy access.



Traditional firearms have serial numbers imprinted on the frame, allowing law enforcement to track and trace crime guns to prevent future trafficking and shootings. But ghost guns have no serial number, making them untraceable.



A federal regulation to treat ghost guns like real guns is tied up in court and has loopholes that manufacturers are abusing. A state law could fill the gap and add valuable state and local law enforcement capacity to ensure compliance.

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