

12. The majority of individuals with diagnosed mental illness **do not engage in violence against others.**⁷

13. 70% of people who **die by suicide** tell someone their plans or give some other type of warning signs.⁸

14. 39% of parents wrongly believe children don't know where a gun is stored.⁹

15. An estimated 4.6 million American children live in a home where at least one gun is kept loaded and unlocked.¹⁰

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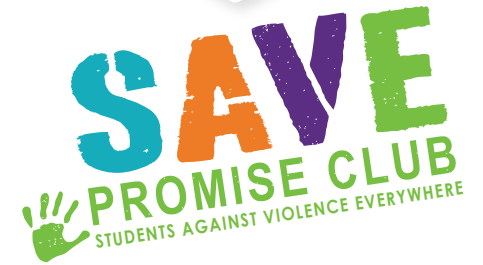
16. 17 states have enacted **Extreme Risk Laws**, the majority being implemented following the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018.¹¹



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SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) **Promise Clubs** are an opportunity for young people across the country to show their leadership, creativity, and passion for protecting their friends, schools, and communities from violence BEFORE it happens.

In every school and community nationwide, there are young people who suffer silently because they feel left out, alone, or invisible. Those who are isolated can become victims of bullying, violence, and/or depression.

Many then pull further away from society, struggle with learning and social development, and can even choose to hurt themselves or others.

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Promise Clubs is a student leadership initiative from Sandy Hook Promise that aims to cultivate and bolster student leaders to take an active role in increasing school safety and preventing different forms of violence in schools and communities.

SAVE Promise Clubs are a powerful approach to preventing gun violence (and other forms of violence and victimization). The Clubs help students recognize the unique role they play in making their schools and communities safer.

Children and families in the U.S. are facing the vast problem of gun violence and school shootings, but you can help. Share these facts, **know the signs**, and act to protect them before it's too late.

1. EACH DAY 8 children die from gun violence in America. Another 32 are shot and injured.¹



2. Guns are the leading cause of death among American children and teens. 1 out of 10 gun deaths are age 19 or younger.²

3. Firearm deaths occur at a rate more than 3 times higher than drownings.³

4. The U.S. has had 1,316 school shootings since 1970 and these numbers are increasing. **18% of school shootings have taken place since the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012.**³

5. In a comprehensive study of school shootings from 1974 to 2000 conducted by the Secret Service and Department of Education **93% of school shooters planned the attack in advance.**⁴



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6. In 4 out of 5 school shootings, at least one other person had knowledge of the attacker's plan but failed to report it.⁴

7. Guns used in about 68% of gun-related incidents at schools were taken from the home, a friend or a relative.⁴



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8. A study found that 77% of active shooters spent a week or longer planning their attack.⁶

9. Nearly all mass attackers in 2018 made threatening or concerning communications and more than 75% elicited concern from others prior to carrying out their attacks.⁵

10. In almost every documented case of active shooters, warning signs were given shown.⁶



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11. 2018 had the most school shootings on record, but U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security **research shows that if we “know the signs” of gun violence, we can prevent it and reverse the trend.**⁵