

# WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE BUYING A GUN

## GUNS DON'T MAKE YOU SAFER. A GUN IN THE HOME:

- DOUBLES YOUR RISK OF HOMICIDE
- TRIPLES YOUR RISK OF SUICIDE
- MAKES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIVE TIMES MORE LETHAL

## GUNS AREN'T PROTECTIVE. DEFENSIVE GUN USE IS:

- RARE COMPARED TO GUN HARM
- NOT SHOWN TO RELIABLY REDUCE INJURY
- OFTEN INVOLVES LEGAL RISK OR ESCALATION

## GUNS DON'T MAKE SOCIETY SAFER. MORE GUNS LEAD TO:

- MORE DEATHS
- MORE ASSAULTS
- MORE STOLEN GUNS USED IN CRIME

## GUNS DON'T STOP OPPRESSION. INSTEAD, THEY:

- INCREASE THE RISK OF ESCALATION
- DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM SPEAKING OR SHOWING UP
- ARE LESS EFFECTIVE THAN NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE

## IF YOU CHOOSE TO BUY A GUN, BE SURE TO:

- STORE IT LOCKED AND UNLOADED
- TRAIN REGULARLY AND REALISTICALLY
- UNDERSTAND THE RISKS TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS
- PRIORITIZE DE-ESCALATION

## SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO GUNS INCLUDE:

- HOME SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
- NON-LETHAL SELF-DEFENSE TOOLS
- SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING
- SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES FOCUSED ON NON-LETHAL MEANS
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND MUTUAL AID

RESOURCES: THE MYTHS WE CARRY: AN ADVOCATE'S GUIDE TO THE GUN DEBATE, [GVPEDIA.ORG](http://GVPEDIA.ORG), [ARMEDWITHREASON.SUBSTACK.COM](http://ARMEDWITHREASON.SUBSTACK.COM)