

2019 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

APRIL 1-7, 2019 • CREATING THE HEALTHIEST NATION: FOR SCIENCE. FOR ACTION. FOR HEALTH.

DAILY THEME — DAY 2



Violence Prevention

Tuesday, April 2

VIOLENCE PREVENTION

For science: National data show gun-related deaths are on the rise. Between 2015-2016, the U.S. was home to nearly 27,400 homicides and nearly 45,000 suicides involving guns. About one in four women and one in nine men experience some form of intimate partner violence, and one out of every six American women has been the victim of rape or attempted rape.

For action: Advocate for community-driven solutions that identify and target the root of violence and don't criminalize entire communities. Urge policymakers to provide research funding that's on par with the nation's gun violence epidemic. Work with local colleges and universities on ways to prevent sexual violence.

For health: Research already shows commonsense gun safety laws can make a difference. More traditional, public health-based interventions can make a difference, too. For example, home-visiting models have been shown to significantly reduce the risk of child maltreatment. See [here](#) for local violence prevention resources.

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