How CDC’s NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM data can help prevent violent deaths.

Violence is a major PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM. In 2017, more than 19,500 PEOPLE DIED BY HOMICIDE in the US, SEVEN PEOPLE PER HOUR die a violent death. These deaths cost the economy nearly $90 BILLION IN MEDICAL CARE AND LOST WORK ALONE.

Preventing Violent Deaths Starts with KNOWING THE FACTS

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) is the only state-based reporting system that links information from multiple sources in a usable, anonymous database. NVDRS brings together data on the WHO, WHEN, WHERE, and HOW of violent deaths to help us better understand WHY they occurred.

NVDRS Collects Detailed Information from...

- Law Enforcement Reports
- Death Certificates
- Coroner/Medical Examiner Reports
- Toxicology Reports
- Data are collected in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

NVDRS Collects Information about...

- Location of injury
- Characteristics of victim
- Relationship of victim to suspect
- Weapons used
- Toxicology reports
- Alcohol or substance abuse
- History of violence
- Mental health problems and treatment
- Intimate partner violence
- Physical or sexual problems
- Relationship problems
- Problems with job or finances

How Can NVDRS Data be Used to Prevent Violent Deaths?

INFORM DECISION MAKERS about the magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent death.

EDUCATE COMMUNITIES about the circumstances that contribute to violence.

HELP DECISION MAKERS and PROGRAM PLANNERS develop and enhance comprehensive violence prevention efforts to maximize benefits.

For more information, including how to access the NVDRS database, visit https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/index.html.