Firearm Laws: Bans on Specific Firearms or Ammunition

Task Force Finding

Intervention Definition
Bans prohibit the acquisition and possession of certain categories of firearms (e.g., handguns or assault weapons) or ammunition (e.g., large-capacity magazines). Bans are intended to decrease the availability of specified firearms or ammunition to potential offenders, thus reducing the capacity of these people to commit crimes.

Task Force Finding (October 2001)*
Evidence is insufficient to determine the effectiveness of bans on specified firearms and ammunition for the prevention of violence, because of a small number of studies and inconsistent findings.

*From the following publication:

Publications


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