

**NOTES FROM THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
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**Did you know that to purchase a gun...**

In Germany, you must:

- 1) Join a shooting club, obtain a hunting license, demonstrate you are a gun collector, or prove your life is threatened.
- 2) Pass a written exam and demonstrate safe handling.
- 3) If under 25 years of age, submit a certificate of mental fitness from a public health officer.
- 4) Arrange proper firearm storage.
- 5) Pass a background check.
- 6) Apply for a permit to purchase a specific gun.
- 7) Buy a gun.

In Canada, you must:

- 1) Prove that you belong/practice at an approved shooting range or show that you are a collector.
- 2) Complete a safety course, both written and practical.
- 3) Provide two references.
- 4) Apply for a permit and wait 28 days before processing begins.
- 5) Pass a background check that includes criminal and mental health records, addiction and domestic violence history.
- 6) Buy a gun and register it with police before taking it home.

In China, you must:

- 1) Establish a reason to possess a firearm, such as for hunting or sports shooting.
- 2) Arrange to store your gun at a gun range or remote hunting ground.
- 3) Demonstrate a knowledge of safe gun use and storage.
- 4) Pass a background check that considers mental illness, criminal record and domestic violence.
- 5) Buy a gun.

In the United States, you must:

- 1) Pass an instant background check that considers criminal convictions, domestic violence and immigration status.
- 2) Buy a gun.