

Gun Safety Position

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The League of Women Voters of Alaska finds that the safety and health of its citizens are threatened by a lack of safe gun ownership laws. The League recognizes that many Alaskans value and rely on firearms for hunting and personal protection, and respects the right of Alaskans to own and use guns. However, firearms cause very high rates of death and injury in our state, particularly among children and teens. Therefore, the League believes the state government should adopt common-sense gun laws that will save lives and reduce injuries, and supports the following with an emphasis on public safety:

- Safe storage, including gun locks
- Annual licensing fees to be used for gun safety education
- Required permit to conceal carry
- Background checks to purchase
- Gun-free school zones
- Red flag laws known as extreme risk legislation
- Parental liability
- Regulation of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines