

Impact Report

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Burlington moves to keep guns out of bars

Vermonters deserve communities where alcohol and firearms don't mix—and Burlington is leading the way. Voters in Burlington have again spoken clearly, overwhelmingly supporting a city charter change to prohibit firearms in bars that passed with almost 87% support in 2024. GunSense Vermont worked closely with legislative allies to move the measure through the Senate, and it now awaits action in the House. We joined partners in Burlington for a press conference and neighborhood canvass to urge Governor Scott not to veto this life-saving reform.

Partnering to prevent school violence before it happens

GunSense Vermont is proud to partner with Sandy Hook Promise to bring the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System to schools across our state in an effort to make our classrooms safer. This proven, life-saving tool empowers students to speak up when they see warning signs of violence or self-harm, connecting them with trained crisis counselors before tragedy occurs.

Support an Assault Weapons Ban in Vermont

Stand with the majority of Vermonters who believe assault weapons have no place in our communities. GunSense Vermont is calling on the Legislature to pass a statewide ban on military-style firearms designed for mass killing. Join your fellow Vermonters who have signed our petition and tell lawmakers that public safety must come before politics.

Add your name at gunsensevt.org today!

Every signature counts.

Meet our new organizer, Bob Galvin

Bob has been working with GunSense Vermont since January 2025 to engage citizens, strengthen our connection to grassroots networks, and promote common-sense gun safety policies. His work is already making a tangible difference. Bob brings a background in scientific research, communications, and public advocacy, and has led statewide efforts to advance humane and science-based policy. (See photo of Bob Galvin canvassing House Speaker Jill Krowinski.)



GunSense Vermont: What We've Achieved Together

Each of these victories was powered by Vermonters like you—grassroots advocates who refuse to accept that gun violence is inevitable.

- Closed dangerous loopholes with waiting periods, safe-storage requirements, and background-check expansions.
- Raised the minimum age for gun purchases to keep firearms out of the hands of minors.
- Banned high-capacity magazines and ghost guns—the weapons most often used in mass shootings.
- Prohibited guns in hospitals and polling stations.
- Advanced community safety through education, partnerships, and strong legislative advocacy.



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