



Tools for reducing small arms proliferation in municipal & local spaces: An initial mapping

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Recommendations for action:

1. Continued accompaniment and support for council members in varied municipalities, towards data mining and encouraging them to initiate municipal motions to reduce small arms proliferation in public space.
2. Accompany and support public representatives in varied statutory municipal committees, including security committees and committees tasked with eradicating violence, so as to encourage initiatives placing gun control issues on the municipal agenda.
3. Joint trainings for council members and public representatives on small arms at the municipal level, emphasizing laws, authority and mechanisms for action on this issue.
4. A concerted demand for data collection and data disaggregation reflecting and breaking down gun ownership and gun violence into multiple classifications, at the national and municipal levels, through municipal research centers and answers to information requests under the Freedom of Information Act.



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5. Continue monitoring the government program for counteracting crime in Israel's Arab society and monitoring municipal policing in Arab communities.
6. Continue monitoring implementation of the government program for municipal policing in varied municipalities, while tracking reports on numbers of violent offenses in municipalities with municipal policing, submitted by the ministry responsible to the Knesset's Internal Affairs and Environment Committee.
7. Conduct additional studies expanding knowledge regarding the municipal policing program, including comparisons with analogous structures in other countries, in search of municipal-level models that succeeded in reducing gun crime and small arms proliferation in the areas of their jurisdiction.
8. Compile a study or an expert opinion on the obstacles cited by professional parties within municipal government, regarding gun storage, including gun transfer from one employee to another and the costs of collection and safe storage. Efforts should be made to identify the grounds of claims that the collection and storage of city employees' guns will involve exorbitant costs and to receive alternative expert opinions.
9. Carry out additional research regarding spaces which ban entry with firearms already, towards extending the tools and guidelines in place at these locations to additional sites where barring entry with guns makes sense.
10. Continue expanding and reinforcing feminist knowledge of this field while collecting local and international material on gun control and related actions.