

# GUN FREE KITCHEN TABLES

*We don't know who she is, but we know we can save her life.*



## THE REALITY OF PROLIFERATING GUNS IN ISRAELI CIVIL SOCIETY TODAY

Israel's civilian sphere is undergoing a profound transformation. Firearms are now present in workplaces, homes, and public spaces at levels never seen before. The rise in licensed firearms also continues to supply criminals through trafficking and theft. This surge disproportionately endangers Palestinian citizens, women, and other marginalized groups — and constricts democratic space through fear, intimidation, and shrinking freedom of expression.

- **Nearly half a million licensed civilian firearms circulate in Israel** (excluding police and military supervised weapons)
- **Private gun licenses rose 334% from 2022–2023**, and armed civilian employees increased 28% from mid-2022 to mid-2024
- There is no government oversight of private gun holders as of 2023
- **In recent years, gun murders have exceeded 200 annually**, the proportion of Palestinian victims climbing as high as 90%
- In 2024 alone, 13 women were killed with guns
- Easy access to guns enables suicides as well, including 10 private security guards between 2022–2023

## BE PART OF THE MOVEMENT BUILDING A SAFER PUBLIC LIFE

Gun Free Kitchen Tables (GFKT), founded in 2010 as an independent project of Isha L'Isha - Haifa Feminist Center, is the prime initiative challenging the rapid proliferation of firearms in civil spaces in Israel and the territories it controls.

Our work is grounded in a feminist, intersectional analysis of militarization and its unequal impacts on women, Palestinian citizens, and other marginalized groups.

**With a coalition of 20 feminist and human-rights organizations**, we challenge the dominant public notion that guns provide security and advance a vision of safe, democratic, gun-free civil spaces.

We remain committed to building a future in which safety is for everyone and public security is collective—not armed.

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## SHIFTING THE COMMON NOTION THAT GUNS PROVIDE SECURITY

- **Transparency Through Feminist Data**

GFKT monitors civilian armament—tracking laws, filing FOIs, and documenting gun incidents—to produce clear, feminist, intersectional data.

- **Exposing Racialized & Gendered Harms**

We show how rising firearm proliferation disproportionately harms marginalized communities, especially Palestinian citizens, by mapping violence, discriminatory enforcement, profiling, and gendered risks.

- **Building a Civil Society Movement for Disarmament**

With 20 coalition partners, and reaching far beyond, GFKT strengthens a broad network advancing disarmament, shared strategies, preventive laws, accountable oversight, and gun-free spaces.