



- 1** **Recommendation:** *Take steps to ensure that when a court enters a guardianship order prohibiting an individual ward from possessing firearms, the order is entered into the federal background check system.*
- 2** **Recommendation:** *Adopt a narrowly crafted prohibition on the possession of a firearm on a temporary or permanent basis if a person is detained for civil commitment evaluation or observation and the use or threatened use of a firearm was a factor in the person's detention. The measure must include due process protections and procedures for restoration of rights as appropriate.*
- 3** **Recommendation:** *Adopt additional risk-based prohibitions focused on individuals who pose a high risk to themselves or others rather than categories of people without regard to risk. Any such measure must include due process protections and procedures to restore rights as appropriate.*
- 4** **Recommendation:** *Officials in Washington should appeal to Congress and the federal ATF to allow legal access to firearms for individuals whose use or possession of marijuana is legal under state law.*
- 5** **Recommendation:** *Evaluate whether a separate check of state records for long gun purchases would provide an added level of public safety. If so, in addition to checks in the federal system, these checks should be performed for all firearms purchases, not just pistol and concealed pistol license applications. Conversely, because the state records checks add transactional costs and complications, they should no longer be required – and Washington should rely solely on the federal background check system – if they are not adding value.*
- 6** **Recommendation:** *Adopt a centralized firearms background check system allowing firearms dealers to go through a single state agency with access to all necessary state or federal records to perform background checks, rather than requiring dealers to contact different agencies for different transactions.*
- 7** **Recommendation:** *Evaluate whether there is timely and complete submission of mental health records to the federal background check system. If so, eliminate the DSHS mental health check for pistol transfers and concealed pistol license applications. If not, steps should be taken to ensure timely and complete submission to the federal system.*
- 8** **Recommendation:** *Determine the best way to ensure that the Washington Department of Licensing's firearms system contains accurate and timely records of pistol transfer applications, alien firearms licenses, and concealed pistol licenses, and that the information is available to those who need it.*

**9** **Recommendation:** Clarify and improve the process for restoring firearms rights to persons with a mental health prohibition. Specifically, amend Washington's restoration statute, RCW 9.41.047, to meet federal standards for qualifying relief from a mental health disability.

**10** **Recommendation:** Conduct a statewide evaluation to determine if additional steps need to be taken to ensure compliance with current proof of surrender and non-possession requirements. Once the effectiveness of the requirements has been determined, expand the RCW 9.41.804 provision for proof of surrender or non-possession to other categories of prohibited persons.

**11** **Recommendation:** Adopt a process to ensure that all purchase attempts denied as a result of a background check are shared with local law enforcement agencies for purposes of follow-up and potential enforcement. Federal authorities should be requested to contact state or local law enforcement when a denial occurs in the federal background check system.

**12** **Recommendation:** Adopt a criminal penalty for firearm owners who fail to secure a firearm, if the owners have reason to know the firearm could be accessed by a minor, and the firearm causes injury or death or otherwise endangers public safety.

**13** **Recommendation:** Consider ways to incentivize the purchase or sale of gun safety equipment (such as lock boxes or trigger guards) for all firearm owners.