

Guide to Gun Violence Prevention Movies (In Alphabetical Order):

3 ½ Minutes, Ten Bullets (2015)

Format: Documentary, true crime

Run Time: 1hr 38 min

Synopsis (IMDB): 3 ½ Minutes dissects the aftermath of a fatal encounter between four boys and man at a gas station, where 10 shots were fired by an angry man into the car of the boys for “playing loud music.”

What we like: Provides a clear example of the repercussions and injustice of gun lobby policies, like stand your ground.

91% (2016)

Run Time: 1hr 14 min

Format: Documentary

Synopsis (IMDB): A film that shares the heartbreaking accounts of those impacted by gun violence and reveals new hope for common ground in the debate over guns in America.

What we like: Victims tell heart-wrenching stories of gun violence and effects beyond loss of a loved one. Tells the story of gun violence through one policy that 91% of Americans support: Background checks for all gun sales

101 Seconds (2018)

Run Time:

Format: Documentary

Synopsis: Tells the story of two advocates borne out of the deaths of their loved ones at the Clackamas Town Center shooting which happened just days before the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting.

What we like: We like that it tells the story of how many people enter the movement, when a loved one dies, and tells the story of what happens after the shooting.

Bowling for Columbine (2002)

Run Time: 2 hr

Format: Documentary

Synopsis (IMDB) Michael Moore explores the roots of America’s predilection for gun violence

What we like: Michael Moore’s provocative approach to film making.

Five Awake (2015)

Run Time: 45 min

Format: Documentary

Synopsis: Tells the story of five women in Louisiana who refused to take no for an answer when a tragic domestic violence situation shed light on loopholes in Louisiana state law.

What we like: This is a super encouraging movie that shows the power of the people. It is great for new activists.

Frontline: Gunned Down: The Power of the NRA (2015)

Format: News program

Run Time: 55 min

Synopsis: In Gunned Down: The Power of the NRA, FRONTLINE goes inside the politics of America's gun debate. Veteran FRONTLINE filmmaker Michael Kirk investigates the NRA, its political evolution and influence, and how it has consistently succeeded in defeating new gun control legislation.

What we like:

Link: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/gunned-down/>

Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA (2016)

Format: Documentary

Run Time: 1 hr 43 min

Synopsis (IMDB): Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and The NRA tells the stories of how guns, and the billions made off of them, affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how the powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible legislation for the sake of profit - and thereby putting people in danger. The film looks into gun tragedies that include unintentional shootings, domestic violence, suicides, mass shootings and trafficking - and what we can do to put an end to this profit-driven crisis.

What we like: We appreciate the focus on the gun industry's role in gun violence in America.

Newtown (2016)

Run Time: 1hr 25 min

Format: Documentary

Synopsis (IMDB): A look at how the community of Newtown, Connecticut came together in the aftermath of the largest mass shooting of schoolchildren in American history.

What we like: This film does a deep dive into the excruciating loss that one community felt in the wake of one mass shooting, this is more of a story about loss than about solutions to gun violence.

Requiem for the Dead: American Spring 2014 (2015)

Format: Documentary

Run Time: 1 hr 5 min

Synopsis (IMDB): A harrowing look back at some of the 8,000 plus men, women and children who were killed by gunfire in America in the spring of 2014.

What we like: This documentary uses real 9-1-1 calls to tell the stories of victims of gun violence. A very real look at gun violence in America but can be triggering for some.

Shell Shocked (2013)

Format: Documentary

Run Time: 1 hr

Synopsis: Tells the story of growing up in the murder capital of America, New Orleans. Including local solutions to gun violence and barriers to reducing it.

What we like: Graphic footage partnered with interviews of teens paints a gruesome picture of the reality of gun violence in the Big Easy.

Speaking is Difficult (2016)

Format: Documentary

Run Time: 15 min

Synopsis: A very quick look at the largest mass shootings in American history, prior to 2016, using only audio from 9-1-1 calls and photos on location

What we like: It's short and powerful

Link: <https://vimeo.com/162564288>

Tower (2016)

Format: Documentary/Animation

Run Time: 1 hr 36 min

Synopsis (IMDB): Animation, testimony, and archival footage combine to relate the events of August 1, 1966 when a gunman opened fire from the University of Texas clock tower, killing 16 people.

What we like: It's different and unique from other documentary films.

Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence (2014)

Format: Documentary/News

Run Time: 55 min

Synopsis (IMDB): In the United States more than 30,000 people are killed every year by gun violence and more than 100,000 are wounded. The traumatic impact of gun violence can be seen in almost every community.

Under the Gun (2016)

Run Time: 1 hr 50 min

Format: Documentary

Synopsis (IMDB): A look at the aftermath of the Sandy Hook massacre where 20 children were murdered at their school by a resentful, gun-obsessed shooter, but led to no changes in American federal gun laws.

What we like: Highly produced, informative