

INJURY MATTERS SUPPORTS WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S FIREARMS REFORM

Injury Matters supports the WA Government in prioritising public safety with today's announcement of proposed firearms reforms.

Improved licencing systems, storage requirements and licencing limitations will all improve the safety of the Western Australian community and help prevent firearms from falling into the hands of people who mean to do harm.

Injury Matters spokesperson Rachel Meade said, "Firearms ownership is a privilege, the changes being made in WA promote public safety as the top priority".

Injury Matters looks forward to reviewing further details of the legislation but supports the WA Government's move towards compliance with the National Firearms Agreement (NFA).

"The NFA outlines the minimum requirements that jurisdictions must comply with and clearly states additional regulations can be adopted".

"Injury Matters commend the McGowan and now Cook Government in their leadership to prevent unnecessary serious injury and death by assault and self-harm from firearms".

A recent study by Injury Matters found that one-quarter of Western Australians are concerned about firearm-related violence.

Government data shows that each month 30 firearms are stolen in WA.

Injury Matters are WA's injury prevention and recovery specialists. Helping people recover from injuries, or better still, avoid them all together. Injury Matters provide support that reduces the widespread physical, emotional and financial impact of injuries and trauma.

Injury Matters is a member of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance.

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