



Keeping Canadians Safe

Canadian communities are fundamentally safe and peaceful places to live, work and play – but that doesn't mean there isn't more work to do. We will continue to move forward with the things that keep Canadians safe today, as we build a safer and more secure world for our children and grandchildren.

Gun Control

We will ban assault rifles and crack down on gun crime.

Gun crime is on the rise, and too often people are killed or injured because criminals have used military-style assault rifles. These guns are designed to inflict mass casualties and have no place in Canada. Canadians are tired of excuses and know that “thoughts and prayers” don't make our communities any safer.

Unlike Conservatives, who want to weaken Canada's gun laws, we will make gun laws stronger. We will move forward with a ban on all military-style assault rifles, including the AR-15, and will take other steps to keep people safe from gun violence, including:

- introducing a buyback program for all military-style assault rifles legally purchased in Canada, with fair market prices for owners and more resources for law enforcement to administer the program;
- working with provinces and territories to give municipalities the ability to further restrict or ban handguns; and

- protecting the rights of hunters and farmers, by not bringing back the long-gun registry. Hunters and farmers do not use or need assault weapons.

To crack down on gun crime and make our communities safer places to live, we will:

- continue to fight gang-related violence, by investing an additional \$50 million each year, for five years, in a dedicated funding stream to help municipalities meet the needs of communities at risk;
- work to expand successful diversion programs to keep at-risk youth out of the criminal justice system;
- make sure the Canada Border Services Agency and Royal Canadian Mounted Police have the resources they need to detect and stop the flow of weapons at our borders;
- require everyone importing ammunition to show proof of a valid firearms license;
- make it harder for legal weapons to get into the hands of criminals by further strengthening safe-storage laws;

- address the problem of gender-based and intimate-partner violence head on, by temporarily suspending firearms licenses for people who are suspected of posing a danger to themselves or others, including their partners or kids;
- introduce a system for flagging bulk purchases of guns;
- strengthen penalties for people seeking to smuggle firearms into Canada; and
- limit the glorification of violence, by changing the way firearms are advertised, marketed, and sold in Canada.

Access to Justice

We will give more support to survivors and victims and help bring more criminals to justice.



**TO IMPROVE
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JUSTICE**

Canadian communities are overwhelmingly safe places to live, but when crime does occur, it's essential that people get the support they need, and that perpetrators be brought to justice.

To ensure that the rights of survivors and victims, and the principles of justice are upheld, we will move forward with:

- providing free legal aid to survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence, to make sure that they have access to quality, affordable legal representation;
- establishing an independent Criminal Case Review Commission, to make it easier and faster for potentially wrongfully convicted people to have their applications reviewed;
- requiring that all judges in Canada undertake mandatory training on sexual assault law, including myths and stereotypes about victims and the effects of trauma on victims' memory (the "Ambrose bill"); and
- providing additional support to the provinces and territories, to enable them to hire as many as 425 new Crown prosecutors, and 225 new judges, to help reduce delays.

National Security

We will keep people safe, while safeguarding Canadians' rights and freedoms.

Canadians should feel safe in their communities, and confident that their rights are being respected and upheld.

In the last four years, we have helped make our borders more secure, and taken steps to make sure that our security agencies are better able to manage cybersecurity threats, including threats to our democracy. At a time of greater uncertainty and unrest, we need to build on this progress, not slow down.

To better coordinate efforts to prosecute terror suspects to the fullest extent of the law, we will move forward with the creation of a Director of Terrorism Prosecutions. This new office will make sure that Canadians who travel abroad to join terrorist organizations, or who participate in terrorist organizations here at home, are brought to justice.

We will also move forward with more support for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, so that they can hire and train 100 additional officers for offices and embassies abroad. This will improve our ability to combat terrorism, human trafficking, drug smuggling, money laundering, and other forms of organized crime.

We will also move forward with reintroducing legislation to create a review body for the Canada Border Services Agency – the only remaining security agency that does not have its own independent review.

Drug Use and Addiction

We will make it easier for people to get the help they need, with better access to treatment.

Thousands of people in Canada die from overdoses related to drug use. Last year, more than 4,400 of those deaths were from opioid use alone, and methamphetamine addiction is also on the rise. The opioid crisis is the greatest public health emergency since the AIDS epidemic, and could lead to a decrease in Canadians' life expectancies for the first time in modern history.