
NBA Joins Campaign to End Gun Violence

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"All over America people are tired of daily gun violence," New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony said in a statement. "Basketball brought me to a different route in my life, but every kid should have an outlet to reach his or her full potential."

The NBA's gun violence prevention campaign comes amid growing concerns over high-profile mass shootings, from the Sandy Hook Elementary School and Charleston church shootings to the more recent shootings in San Bernardino, Calif., and Colorado Springs.

The shootings hit close to home for some pro basketball players.

"I heard over the summer about a shooting that killed a three-year-old girl, and I immediately thought of my 3-year-old daughter, Riley," Curry, a Golden State Warriors point guard, says in the video. "Then I learned the horrible statistic that every day 88 Americans are killed with guns and hundreds more are injured."

"I'll never forget playing basketball in a park with some kids, and a young woman approached me in tears, and told me that her brother had been shot and killed on that same court a year earlier," Chicago Bulls forward Joakim Noah said. "There's just no room for gun violence."

Nevertheless the Republican opposition with the support of the National Rifle Association blocked all possibilities of legislation against gun violence.