

## **Ghost Guns and 3D Printing**

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Ghost guns are untraceable firearms assembled at home, often using kits or 3D-printed parts.

- These weapons **lack serial numbers**, making them difficult for law enforcement to track.
- **Printing Enable Ghost Guns:** In the context of firearms, 3D printers can produce components like receivers, barrels, or grips using materials such as plastic or metal.
  - These parts, when combined with other easily sourced components, create a **functional firearm.**
  - Ghost guns pose serious safety risks, with advocacy groups labeling them the "fastest-growing gun safety problem."



- 3D Printing: 3D printing, or additive manufacturing, creates objects layer by layer from digital designs. Key Features of 3D Printing are:
  - **Customization:** Precise designs tailored to specific needs.
  - **Accessibility:** Affordable printers and open-source designs make it easy for individuals to experiment.
  - Rapid Prototyping: Quickly turns digital designs into physical objects.

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