What this study adds

- Firearm ownership itself and an array of firearm-related risk behaviours are associated with an array of alcohol-related risk behaviours.
- Alcohol-related risk behaviours are most common among firearm owners who also engage in firearm-related risk behaviours.
- Alcohol-related risk behaviours are less common among firearm owners who engage in a firearm-related risk reduction behaviour.

It is probable that more than a third of these deaths involved alcohol. Efforts to uncouple the use of firearms from the use of alcohol may have important benefits for the health and safety of the public.

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