



I am so happy to be working with all of you toward gun violence prevention. I invite you to read my [blog](#) if you want more information about my background and approach to the serious problem of gun violence.

On behalf of TGS, I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the people of the Houston area and others in Texas and Louisiana who continue to suffer personal and community devastation from Hurricane Harvey.

On August 24th , TGS tweeted the following: *"On Thursday, August 24, when Hurricane Harvey's destructiveness was beginning, TGS tweeted: MoreHurricane #Harvey headed toward Texas #gulfcoast Be safe <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/hurricane/> . Secure firearms. Check on others."*

No matter the circumstances, and even because the circumstances are so dire, TGS encourages Texans to be sure that firearms are safely secured. Some info about gun safety can be found on [TGS website](#). It is important to note that Red Cross does not allow weapons in shelters.

I did a quick scan of the web and checked some specific sources and could not find specific information for evacuees and firearms or flooding and firearms—and that's a problem. I pledge that TGS will do some research and offer the best information.

Thanks for your individual efforts to help Hurricane Harvey victims—I know our supporters are pitching in.

Please feel free to contact me and teach me things, ask me questions, suggest newsletter ideas, etc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gyl Switzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gyl Switzer
Executive Director