



## 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.

**Read More:** [3D Printing and Its Applications](#)

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