

# Half Moon Bay massacre is California's third mass shooting in three days

**California has grappled with three mass shootings in three days that have left at least 19 people dead.**

Around the tranquil coastal town of Half Moon Bay, a pair of related shootings at two locations Monday killed seven people and left one person critically injured.

7 dead in Half Moon Bay as California confronts another mass killing

It was California's second mass killing in three days, after a gunman shot down 11 people at a dance studio in Monterey Park, just outside Los Angeles, on Saturday.

In Oakland, police said one person was killed and seven others injured in a "shooting between several individuals" on Monday night, with homicide investigators taking over the ongoing investigation.

The Oakland incident was listed in the database of 2023 mass shootings by the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit research organization, which defines a mass shooting as one in which four or more people are shot or killed, not including the shooter. Already, the group has counted 39 mass shootings in the United States in just the first month of 2023 — including the latest three in California.

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