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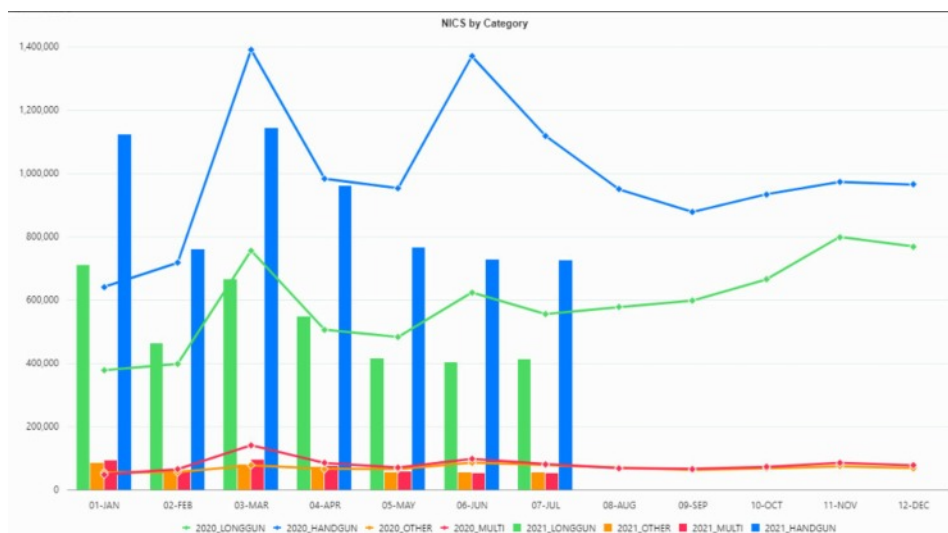
(AmmoLand.com)- July 2021 was the second-highest total July for National Instant background Check System (NICS) checks on record. The highest was in July of 2020. The number of checks done in July of 2021 was 2,860,476. The number in July of 2020 was 3,639,224.

July 2021 was also the second-highest July for gun sales on record, with the highest having been last year, July of 2020, as well. The July 2021 gun sales were 1.84 million. The calculation of the number is approximate, consisting of handgun checks + Long guns checks + Other guns checks + 2.5 x multiple sales on 1 check = 1.84 million gun sales in July 2020. The percentage of gun sales of all NICS checks for the month was 51%.

Comparison of NICS 2020 gun sales by type/month with 2021 gun sales by type/month

For July of 2021, using the same formula, the number of gun sales was 1.25 million. The percentage of gun sales of all NICS checks was only 44%.

In July of 2016, the number of gun sales was 1.22 million, slightly less. The percentage of checks used for gun sales was 48%.



Source: FBI NICS; Chart: David Scott

The major culprit in de-linking background checks from gun sales is the use of the checks for numerous other purposes, especially for carry permits and carry permit rechecks. The FBI does not charge states to run NICS checks, so Illinois and Kentucky run hundreds of thousands of re-checks on carry permits every month.

Demand for guns and ammunition is still very high, as noted by the numbers. However, the demand has dropped off the record-shattering levels experienced in 2020. With over a year of record-breaking demand, firearm producers responded.

Guns were flying out of manufacturers' hands and into citizens' hands. Ammunition was being sold long before it reached retail shelves. The demand was high and the prices were as well. Such levels of demand cannot be sustained.

In June of 2021, it was clear demand had dropped. Manufacturers were meeting the demand. Ammunition and firearms were both appearing back in retail stores. Prices were dropping.

The number of firearms added to the private stock in 2020 was about 21 million.

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The number of firearms added to the private stock through July of 2021, has been about 11 million.

That puts the total number of private firearms in the United States at 475 million at the end of July.

It is an enormous number, 167 million new guns have been added to the private stock since the election of Barack Obama in 2008. The divisions set into motion by President Obama have been accelerated and amplified by the Biden administration, so far.

There may be a trillion rounds of ammunition stockpiled in private hands in the United States. That would be about 12 years of production and import. It would only be a

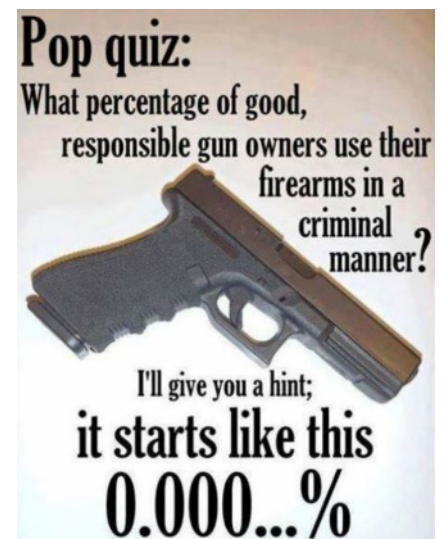
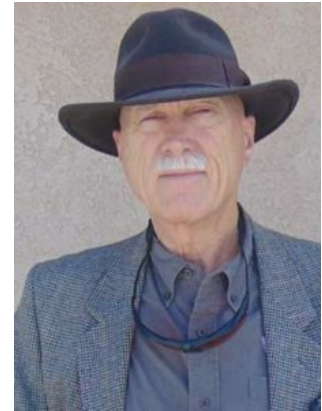
little more than 200 rounds for each gun in private hands. It is nearly impossible to determine how much ammunition is stored in private hands. To do so, it would be necessary to include the components for making ammunition by people who reload cartridges.

Perhaps it would be necessary to determine those who cast their own bullets, produce their own gunpowder, recharge their own primers and percussion caps.

All of those things are being done by hundreds, thousands, millions of people in the United States.

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Special Report

Below the Radar: Potential Gun Legislation you Need to Know About

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by Harold Hutchison

(AmmoLand.com)- When it comes to appropriations bills, many Second Amendment supporters all too often don't take much notice, other than to grumble about how Washington politicians are wasting our hard-earned tax dollars. While that is true, these bills often are used to attack our rights.

Remember the [1996 Lautenberg amendment](#)? That was inserted into a consolidated appropriations bill for the fiscal year 1997. It is perhaps the most notorious attack on our Second Amendment rights via this process – simply due to how many gun owners who suddenly found themselves instant felons because of the ex post facto nature of that piece of legislation.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation Bills

At [Congress.gov](#), four bills, [HR 4431](#), [HR 4432](#), [HR 4502](#), and [HR 4505](#) have been introduced, respectively titled Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. These are all opportunities for the current anti-Second Amendment extremists to replicate what was done a quarter-century ago.

Other antics from anti-Second Amendment extremists have included a prohibition on funding the



ATF's "relief from disabilities" process. On the flip side, Second Amendment supporters have similarly used the appropriations process to halt biased research by the Centers for Disease Control. To date, anti-Second Amendment extremists are trying to bring back that funding, and it is not hard for Second Amendment supporters to understand why – given how health researchers favor attacking our rights.

This means that Second Amendment supporters need to keep as close an eye on these bills, and particularly amendments, as they possibly can. This can be very difficult, given that each of these bills are massive – HR 4431 is 104 pages, and the accompanying committee report is another 174 pages. HR 4505 is 138 pages long, and that bill's report is another 220 pages. HR 4432 (a 148-page bill and a 409-page report) and HR 4502 (a 196-page bill and a 453-page report) dwarf those two, incidentally.

It's hard to imagine just how members of the House of Representatives can understand what is in a bill before they vote. That makes it pretty easy for stuff to be slipped in – whether by our enemies or by Second Amendment champions. All of it depends, though, on who controls the appropriations committees in the House and Senate. That is why Second Amendment supporters should be working hard to ensure that anti-Second Amendment extremists are defeated via the ballot box at the federal, state, and local levels as soon as possible.

Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act of 2021

When it comes to our Second Amendment rights, the sad fact is that anti-Second Amendment extremists have a number of avenues to attack them. One of those that Second Amendment supporters have to keep a very watchful eye on are those that attack federal firearms licensees (FFLs), particularly the dealers.

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In an ideal world, there wouldn't be legal provisions requiring a license to deal firearms at either the federal, state or local level. It goes without saying, though, that we are not living in that ideal world. Those people who go through the process to get an FFL to become a dealer have chosen to make a living helping people exercise their Second Amendment rights. That said, your local gun store is a business, and it needs to be profitable while remaining within the provisions of [18 USC 922](#), [18 USC 923](#), and a host of state and local laws.

This is why the Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act of 2021 is a serious threat to our rights.

Introduced in the House by James Langevin as [HR 4271](#), and in the Senate by Ed Markey as S 2320, this is a bill intended to make life harder for FFLs in a number of ways.

The least bad part of this bill is the increase in the number of compliance inspections from one a year to three a year. This is a lot of red tape and hassle, and Markey and Langevin want to triple it for FFLs. But this bill gets worse.

For instance, current law states that an FFL can only be revoked after a felony conviction becomes final. After all, there are cases in which convictions get thrown out on appeal. Well, Markey and Langevin are changing that – immediately on conviction the FFL gets revoked, and there's no provision for reinstatement.

Dealers would also be required to conduct a physical inventory if 10 “crime guns” are traced to them. The definition of “crime gun” is very vague. That vagueness also comes into play when they apply for a license. The Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act of 2021 allows some bureaucrat to decide that a would-be FFL “is otherwise not suitable to be issued a license” – and the law leaves that provision very vague.

Current law requires willful violation of laws or regulations to trigger action. Markey and Langevin change that, empowering bureaucrats to go after dealers for honest mistakes. In other words, a dealer could face fines and jail time when he didn't even intend to do anything wrong.

The sad thing is, there are current laws that can handle FFLs who go bad. They just need to be enforced. But Markey and Langevin aren't interested in dealing with the FFLs who go bad. They want to create enough hassle and potential risk so that good FFLs, particularly the small businesses, decide to shut down.

The way things are right now, we need FFLs, particularly the local small businesses, to stay viable. That means we have to have their backs, especially when it comes to legislation. Second Amendment supporters need to contact their Representative and Senators and politely urge them to oppose both [HR 4271](#) and [S 2320](#). They also need to work to defeat anti-Second Amendment extremists like Markey and Langevin at the ballot box at the federal, state, and local levels as soon as possible.

The PISTOL Act

A while back, we discussed the difference between the ideal and the achievable. It is a conundrum that many Second Amendment supporters have, whether it is legislation or candidates. Our enemies often have the same problem, so we can take some small comfort.

Just as Dianne Feinstein has introduced a [fallback measure](#) to the semiauto ban she really wants, the same approach is being taken with regards to the Biden-Harris regime's attack on AR-15-type pistols (among others). We have discussed the [Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act](#) on multiple occasions, and it is the ideal solution to address that attack.

However, as Second Amendment supporters have often learned, the ideal solution isn't always possible.

In this case, removing short-barreled rifles from the purview of the National Firearms Act may not be possible at the present time. In fact, to be very blunt, seeing the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act become law in this Congress is a pipe dream, given who controls the committees and subcommittees.

This is not to say it's a bad idea – introducing legislation and tracking the cosponsors is a good way to gauge what sort of support there is for efforts to restore our rights. That makes having a fall-back option a good idea. Enter [HR 3823](#), the PISTOL Act.

What this bill, introduced by Representative Bob Good (R-VA), does is to maintain the status quo by stating that firearms like the AR-15 pistols with a stabilizing brace may not be placed under the National Firearms Act. This would end the present threat for the short term – provided that anti-Second Amendment extremists don't increase their numbers in Congress.

This doesn't come without trade-offs.

On the one hand, if the PISTOL Act were to be passed into law (say as an amendment to the appropriate appropriations bill), it may make it more difficult to pass the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act in the future. But given the realities that surround passing legislation, even taking a majority in the future won't make passing the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act a given.

For one thing, the same filibuster that currently is preventing anti-Second Amendment extremists from packing the court and ramming through extreme legislation will be wielded by the likes of Chuck Schumer, Chris Murphy, Dianne

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Feinstein, and other anti-Second Amendment extremists to block pro-Second Amendment legislation. It cuts both ways, and before Second Amendment supporters contemplate nuking the filibuster to pass such improvements, remember that Harry Reid's use of the "nuclear option" for nominations backfired to the tune of Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett on SCOTUS.

The fact is, the PISTOL Act may be a suitable incremental measure in lieu of passing the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act, and Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and polite urge them to support this legislation. However, it is no substitute for defeating anti-Second Amendment extremists at the ballot box at the federal, state, and local levels.

ATF Accountability Act of 2021

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE, also known as ATF) needs a lot of reforming, to put it mildly. To be honest, the best use for ATF agents would be to have them stationed around the jails in places like Baltimore, Chicago, and other locales to pick up the criminals all too many Soros-backed prosecutors are willing to put back out on the streets and use the appropriate provisions of 18 USC 922 and 18 USC 924 to put them away for a long time.

Unfortunately, that doesn't happen. Instead BATFE bureaucrats are all too often making rulings that affect our rights with no accountability or oversight, save for the possibility of litigation, which can still be hit or miss – see the bump stock situation. Then there is what the Biden Administration wants to do to AR-15 pistols.

Representative Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), though, is working to fix that. HR 1961, also known as the ATF Accountability Act, establishes an administrative appeals process over ATF rulings. He is joined by Repre-

sentative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) in pursuing this legislation. Cuellar is that rare House Democrat who has not turned on law-abiding gun owners, to the rage of Bloomberg's stooges.

In a press release issued by his office, Crenshaw said, "This bill will bring ATF in line with most other federal regulatory agencies and create an appeals process so industry has more options to challenge rulings other than suing the federal government – which many businesses simply cannot do. This bill will help ensure that the ATF cannot unilaterally impose rulings that impede on Second Amendment liberties and hurt jobs within the firearms industry."

The fact of the matter is that while it would be ideal to refocus ATF on prosecuting the misuse of firearms in violent crime and/or drug trafficking, that won't happen under the Biden-Harris-Garland regime. This means that we will have to deal with this agency making rulings that primarily end up hassling law-abiding citizens for a while. The current situation is unacceptable, but what can be done about it?

The establishment of an appeals process – even one that relies heavily on administrative law – still represents a marginal improvement, and it is one worth pursuing, given the success that incrementalism has had over the last 30 years.

By no means is this a perfect solution but reining in ATF bureaucracy has to start somewhere.

Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative to urge them to support HR 1961. They should also support NRA-ILA and NRA-PVF to ensure that the anti-Second Amendment extremists who control the House, Senate, and the White House are defeated at the ballot box in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

The MASS Act

You have to hand it to Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) and Representative Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), the title of the legislation they introduced in their respective bodies has two huge lies in just five words. When you look over what the Making America Safe and Secure Act of 2021, you will find it will provide neither safety nor security.

This legislation, with the bill numbers [S 2325](#) and [HR 4238](#) for the Senate and House version respectively (see earlier coverage of the types of legislation Second Amendment supporters will deal with at the federal level), promises to bring safety and security by bribing states to implement gun licensing schemes. The fact is, licensing schemes don't work. Maryland has passed a handgun licensing scheme, but Baltimore is still one of the cities with a high murder rate.

Furthermore, New York, despite its licensing scheme, had massive crime increases. What did get crime down? Well, they actually went after the criminals. All of the burdens and infringements they imposed on those who wished to exercise their Second Amendment rights didn't work, either. Illinois has seen the same situation in Chicago.

But the fact is the two whoppers (with apologies to the delicious Burger King menu item) that this bill sells is not the worst part. When you check out the text of the legislation, you'll see that one of the criteria for a state licensing scheme to qualify for one of those grants is "other factors relevant to the suitability of a license holder" with "suitable" person defined as someone who "does not create a risk to public safety."

What does create a risk to public safety? Well, the proposed legislation does not say. That's not all that is vague in this legislation. There's a lot more room for some bureaucrat

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to deny a license through delay – since no timeframe for approval is in this legislation. This is how you get a tragedy like what happened to Carol Bowne in New Jersey. Not that her safety or security – or that of others facing real threats to their safety and security – matter to Markey and Pressley.

These sorts of schemes need to be stopped with the use of our First Amendment rights. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative to po-

lately urge that they oppose S 2325 and HR 4238. They also should join a pro-Second Amendment organization and work to defeat anti-Second Amendment extremists at the federal, state, and local level via the ballot box as soon as possible.

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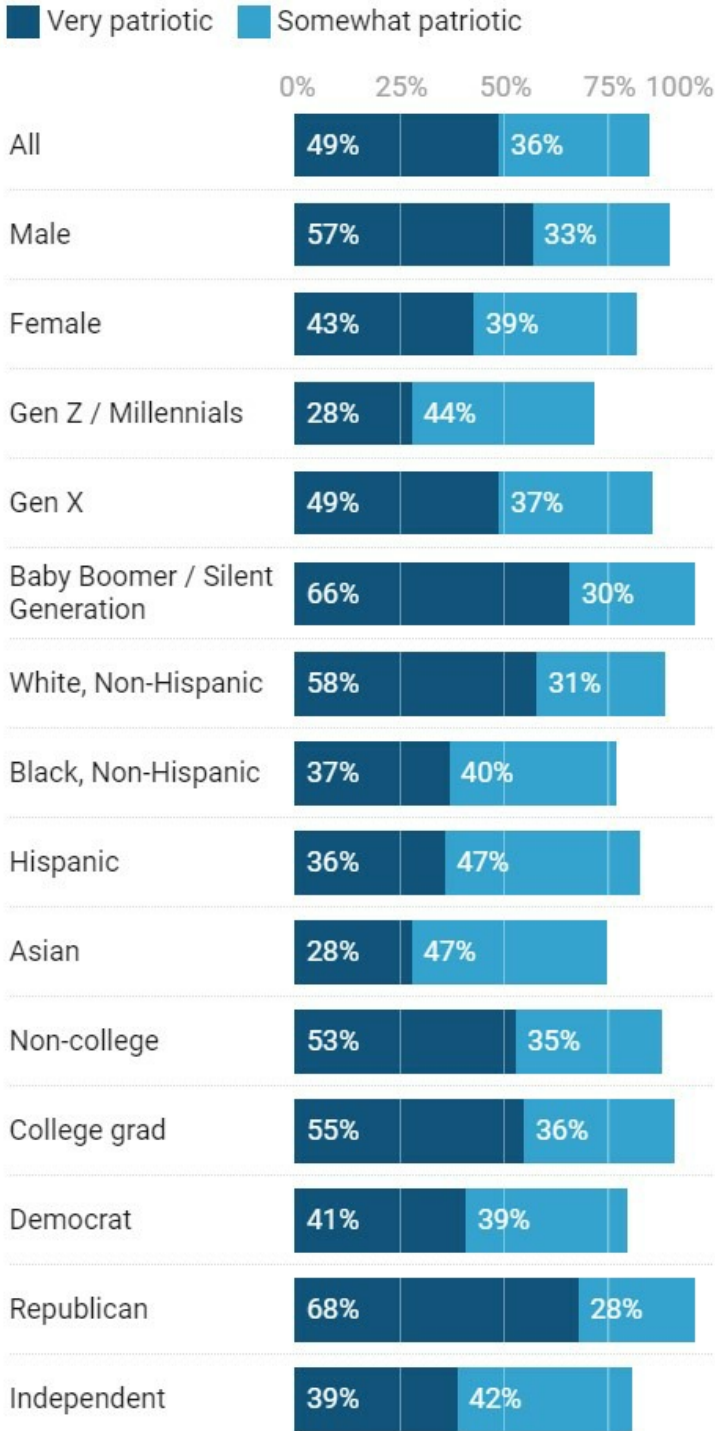
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Wildfires ARE INCREASING

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- 2.5 MILLION ACRES BURNED ANNUALLY
- 10% LIGHTNING & LEAKS

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WILDFIRE KNOWLEDGE

- BEWARE** OF FIRE-PRONE AREAS AND RESTRICTIONS ON SHOOTING
- DON'T USE** TRACER ROUNDS, EXPLODING TARGETS OR AMMO THAT IS STEEL-JACKETED OR CONTAINS STEEL-CORE COMPONENTS
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- DISPOSE** OF smoking MATERIALS PROPERLY
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Crime Data is Readily Available



Crime and public safety are central components of gun control rhetoric, so we'd like to make crime statistics as accessible as possible.

Using data from the FBI's annual [Crime in the United States Report](#) and the Uniform Crime Report, we've added a simple and interactive visualization to our [crime facts page](#). Users can view historical

trends for crime rate by crime type, by state, and by year. Compare states to each other or to the national rate. Our data runs from 1960 through 2018, the most recent data available from the FBI.

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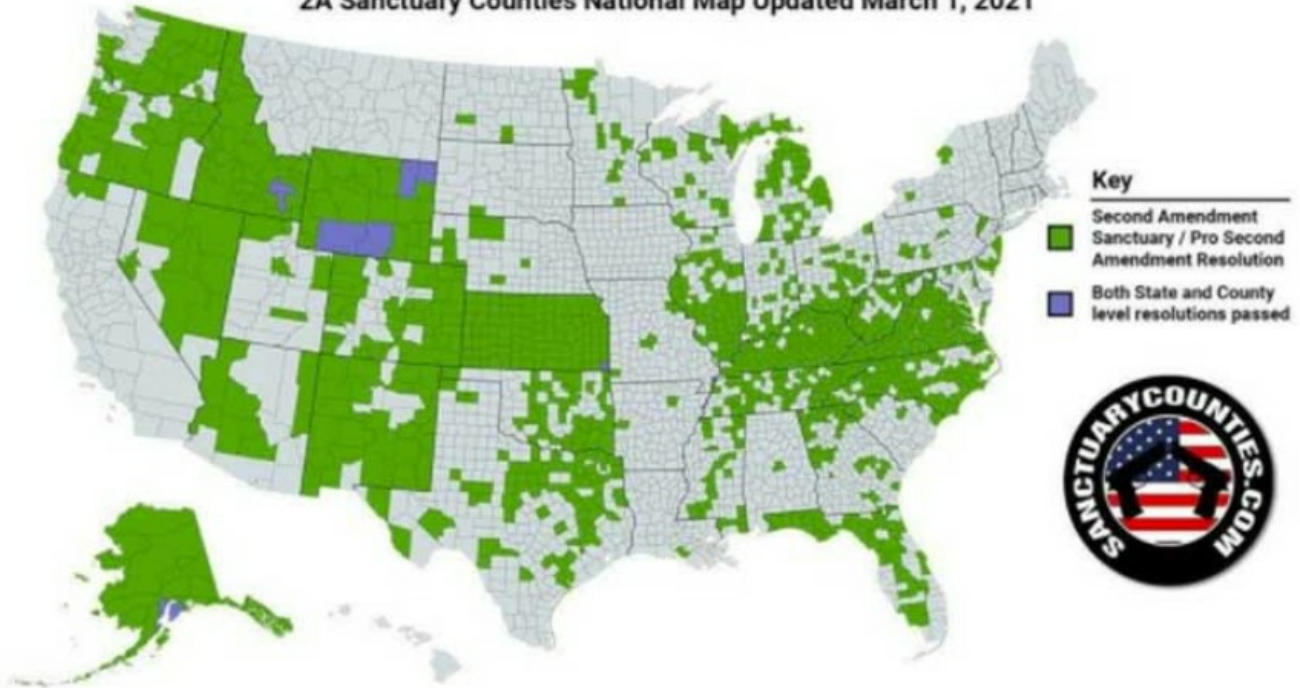
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2A Sanctuary Counties National Map Updated March 1, 2021. The number of states, counties, and cities declaring themselves Second Amendment Sanctuaries is skyrocketing. Map courtesy of sanctuarycounties.com, and used with their permission. An updated map is coming soon.

A Tip Sheet for Parents:

MENTAL HEALTH, SUICIDE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFETY

This three-part resource will help you: 1) Know what behaviors to watch for in your teenagers that could point to suicide or self-harm risk; 2) Identify the steps to take if you are concerned about your child; and 3) Learn home safety steps to prevent unauthorized access to firearms or access to firearms by a person at risk for suicide.

WARNING SIGNS TO WATCH

Suicide most often occurs when several stressors or health issues converge to create a feeling of hopelessness or despair. Watch for the following signs and behaviors in your teen:

- Talks about killing themselves, feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Expresses being a burden to others, feeling trapped or experiencing unbearable pain.
- Appears depressed, anxious, disinterested, irritable, humiliated or agitated, or suddenly appears to have rapidly improved after previously displaying those moods.
- Increases use of alcohol or drugs.
- Withdraws from activities and isolates from friends and family.
- Reduces effort at school, stops trying academically or increases absences.
- Exhibits changes in sleeping or eating patterns; is always fatigued or not sleeping.
- Conducts internet searches for materials/ways for self-harm.
- Says goodbye to family or friends; gives possessions away.
- Displays aggressive behaviors.
- Makes unusual or cryptic social media posts related to the above (being a burden, saying goodbye, etc.).

OUTREACH STEPS TO TAKE

Don't wait — trust your gut. If you notice changes in your teen's normal behavior, such as becoming more withdrawn, disconnecting from friends, or grades dropping, or they're just not being themselves, that's a time to connect and talk with them about their feelings and mental health and consider reaching out to a healthcare professional. Talking about mental health or suicide does not increase risk of suicide.

Ask your teen specifically about suicide and suicidal thoughts. Here's how: "Sometimes when people are feeling overwhelmed, they may have thoughts of suicide. Have you had those kinds of thoughts?" If your teen indicates suicidal thoughts or you are left feeling uneasy, reach out to a healthcare professional for further assessment.

Hold all discussions in a nonjudgmental, empathetic manner. Listening and conveying that you are here to help is more important than giving advice. Stay in regular touch with teachers and coaches, as well as your teen's friends and teammates.

Follow up regularly and express your care and concern. If you don't see any improvements or your child continues to struggle, seek help from a healthcare professional.

Contact a healthcare professional. While a mental health professional is ideal, you can also turn to your child's primary care physician or even a walk-in clinic, urgent care center or your local emergency room if you are concerned about your child's safety.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: **CALL 1-800-273-TALK**

Lifeline Chat: [SUICIDEPREVENTIONLIFELINE.ORG/CHAT](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat)

Crisis Text Line: **TEXT "TALK" TO 741741**

Emergency Response: **CALL 911**

The Seven Sins of Firearm Safety

by Ed Head

We all want to shoot in a safe, enjoyable atmosphere, whether shooting in a structured class at Gunsite Academy, participating in competitive sports, shooting at a public range or plinking with friends. Adherence to safety rules, courtesy towards other shooters and careful gun handling are all keys to a safe, enjoyable experience so consider my list of things to avoid; I call them the Seven Deadly Range Sins.

1. Ignoring essential safety rules and failing to follow instructions.

Some folks seem to think the rules don't apply to them and they can be very dangerous to be around. If they can't be persuaded to amend their behavior, it's probably best to get away from them. I'm not shy about sending people home from my classes if they are a danger to themselves or others. The way I see it, safety is essential and non-negotiable. Here are the essential rules:

- All guns are always loaded. Always.
- Never let the muzzle cover anything you don't wish to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target (and you intend to shoot).
- Be sure of your target – know what you are shooting at and where the bullet will go if it passes through the target.

2. Poor Gun Handling

We've all seen them. People who wave a gun around or can't seem to keep their finger off the trigger when they aren't shooting. The usual excuse when brought to their attention

is, "But the gun isn't loaded." Well, maybe it is and maybe it isn't, but the rest of us have no way of knowing that. Gun handling and safety rules apply all the time. Always.

3. Speed Holstering

A sure prescription for shooting yourself, speed holstering is an evil habit. Slamming the gun into the holster, especially if the gun isn't on safe or de-cocked or if your finger is on the trigger can result in a nasty surprise. Should a piece of clothing or part of the holster contact the trigger as the gun is forcefully holstered, it's quite possible for a round to enter your leg, butt or crotch, depending upon where you carry. Think about that when considering your carry method and always holster slowly, reluctantly and carefully.



4. Turning around with a gun in your hand.

Go to most public ranges, and it won't take long before you'll see someone with a gun in their hands turn away from the firing line and sweep other shooters or bystanders. See Rule 2.

5. Bending over with a gun in your hand.

We seem programmed to reflexively bend over and immediately pick up anything we drop. This can be especially dangerous on a range, as we lose control of the muzzle, cover other people, or worse, put our head in line with other people handling firearms. If you drop something, leave it until the line is declared safe.

6. Handling firearms when the range is cold and people are

down range or handling firearms behind the firing line.

When the range goes cold, all firearms should be unloaded and benched or holstered. Stepping back to the line to adjust your sights while others are repairing targets is not only dangerous it is downright discourteous. "But the gun isn't loaded" doesn't cut it. See Rule 1. The same thing applies to handling guns behind the firing line. Don't do it.

7. Not using proper eye and ear protection.

How many times have you seen people shooting who aren't wearing adequate eye and ear protection? While it may take a while to destroy your hearing, you can lose your eyesight in an instant. There's simply no excuse for not protecting both your eyes and your ears and you shouldn't allow anyone shooting with you to go unprotected. Same goes for observers and bystanders; just because they aren't shooting it doesn't mean they don't need protection.

So there you have it. My personal list of deadly range sins. There are others but these are the ones I see most often violated. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility so take it upon yourself to make sure everyone shooting with you is able to enjoy a safe experience.



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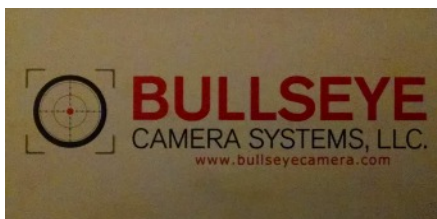
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Online Resources for Shooters

Guns & Accessories

1800 Guns and Ammo -

<https://gritrsports.com/1800gunsandammo/>

Aero Precision - <https://www.aeroprecisionusa.com/>

Bass Pro Shop - <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en>

Big 5 Sporting Goods - <http://big5sportinggoods.com/store/>

Black Hills Shooters Supply - <http://www.bhshooters.com>

Bravo Company USA - <https://bravocompanyusa.com>

Brownells - <http://www.brownells.com>

Bud's Gun Shop - <https://www.budsgunshop.com/index.php>

Buffalo Arms Co. - <http://www.buffaloarms.com>

Cabela's - <https://www.cabelas.com>

Cave Armor Gun Safes - <http://cavearmor.com/>

CDNN Sports - <https://www.cdnnsports.com/>

Cheaper Than Dirt - <https://www.cheaperthandirt.com/>

Daniel Defense - <https://danieldefense.com/>

Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>

Fix-It-Sticks Tools - <https://store.fixitsticks.com/>

Grab-A-Gun Gun Sales - <http://grabagun.com>

Graf & Sons, Inc. - <http://www.grafs.com>

Gun Broker - <https://www.gunbroker.com/>

Gun Mag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com>

Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com/>

Guns.com (gun sales + newsletter) - <http://guns.com>

Hardshell FZE - <https://www.hardshell.ae/>

Knight's Armament - <https://www.knightarmco.com/>

Larue Tactical - <https://www.larue.com/>

Lewis Machine and Tool (LMT) - <https://lmtdefense.com/>

LWRC International - <https://www.lwrci.com/>

MidwayUSA - <http://midwayusa.com>

Natchez Shooting Supplies - <http://natchezss.com>

Northwoods Shooting Sports -

<http://www.northwoodshootingsports.com/>

Noveske - <https://noveske.com/>

Ohio Ordnance Works - <http://www.ohioordnanceworks.com>

Palmetto State Armory -

<http://www.palmettostatearmory.com>

Primary Arms - <https://www.primaryarms.com/>

Prolix - <http://www.prolixlubricant.com>

Sinclair International, Inc. - <http://www.sinclairintl.com>

Smith & Alexander - <http://www.smithandalexander.com>

Sportsman's Guide - <https://www.sportsmansguide.com/>

Sportsman's Warehouse - <https://www.sportsmans.com/>

The Shooter's Box - <http://www.theshootersbox.com/>

Target Barn - <https://www.targetbarn.com/>

The Gear Hunt - <https://thegearhunt.com>

Yankee Hill Machine - <https://yhm.net/>

Gun Parts

Bravo Company USA - <http://www.bravocompanyusa.com>

BuyMilSurp - <http://www.buymilsurp.com>

Huber Concepts - <http://www.huberconcepts.com>

Mag-Na-Port Intl. - <http://www.magnaport.com>

Military Gun Supply - <http://www.militarygunsupply.com>

Pacific Canvas & Leather -

<http://pacificcanvasandleather.com>

RTG Parts - <http://www.robertrtg.com>

Sarco, Inc. - <http://www.sarcoinc.com>

Springfield Sporters, Inc. - <http://www.ssporters.com>

TG International - <http://www.tguns.com>

VTI Replica Gun Parts - <http://www.vtgunparts.com>

Wilson Combat - <https://www.wilsoncombat.com/>

Grips & Gun Stocks

Alumagrips - <http://www.alumagrips.com>

Altamont Co. - <http://www.altamontco.com>

Boyd's Gunstock Industries -

<http://www.boydsgunstocks.com>

Donson Products - <http://www.dsplaser.com>

Eagle Grips - <http://www.eaglegrips.com>

GunMag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com/>

Gunstock Blanks - <http://www.gunstockblanks.com>

Herrett's Stocks - <http://www.herrett-stocks.com>

Hogue - <http://www.getgrip.com>

Jack First Gun Shop - <http://www.jackfirstgun.com>

Nill-Grips - <http://www.nill-grips.com>

Numrich Gun Parts - <http://www.gunpartscorp.com>

Pachmayr - <http://www.pachmayr.com>

Pearce Grip - <http://www.pearcegrip.com>

Tiger-Hunt - <http://www.gunstockwood.com>

Wicked Grips - <http://www.wickedgrips.com>

Manufacturers

Anderson Manufacturing -

<https://andersonmanufacturing.com/>

Beretta USA - <http://www.beretta.com/en-us/>

Bersa - Eagle Imports - <https://bersa.eagleimportsinc.com/>

Browning North America - <https://www.browning.com/>

Bushmaster Firearms - <https://www.bushmaster.com/>

Colt Manufacturing - <https://colt.com/>

Christianson Arms - <https://christensenarms.com>

CVA - <https://cva.com/>

CZ-USA - <https://cz-usa.com/>

FN Herstal (FNH) - <https://www.fnherstal.com/en>

Glock USA - <https://us.glock.com/en>

H&K - Heckler & Koch USA - <https://hk-usa.com/>

Henry Repeating Arms - <https://www.henryusa.com/>

Kahr Arms - <https://www.kahr.com/>

Kimber America - <https://www.kimberamerica.com/>

Marlin Firearms - <https://www.marlinfirearms.com/>

Mossberg - <https://www.mossberg.com/>

Remington Arms - <https://www.remington.com/>

Rock River Arms - <https://www.rockriverarms.com/>

Ruger Firearms - <https://ruger.com/>

Savage Arms - <https://savagearms.com/>

Sig Sauer - <https://www.sigsauer.com>

Smith & Wesson - <https://www.smith-wesson.com/>

Springfield Armory - <https://www.springfield-armory.com/>

Taurus USA - <https://www.taurususa.com>

Thompson/Center - <https://www.tcarms.com/firearms>

Walther - <https://waltherarms.com/>

Online Resources for Shooters - 2

Newsletters and Publications

A&J Arms Booksellers - <http://ajarmsbooksellers.com>
AR-15 Newsletter - <http://ar15.com>
Art of the Rifle - <https://artoftherifle.com/>
Accurate Shooter – <http://accurateshooter.com>
Ammoland News Aggregator – <http://www.ammoland.com>
Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com>
Bev Fitchett - <https://www.bevfitchett.us>
Blue Book Publications - <http://www.bluebookinc.com>
Chuck Hawks - <http://www.chuckhawks.com>
Everyday Marksman – <http://everydaymarksman.co>
FMG Publications - <http://www.fmgpublications.com>
F+W Publications - <http://gundigeststore.com>
Gun Digest – <http://gundigest.com>
Gun News Daily – <https://gunnewsdaily.com/>
Guns America – <http://gunsamerica.com>
Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com>
Hunting Wire - <http://www.huntingwire.com>
IDSA Books - <http://idsabooks.com>
K-Var – <http://k-var.com>
Mowbray Publishing - <http://www.manalarmsbooks.com>
My Gun Culture – <http://mygunculture.com>
North Cape Publications - <http://www.northcapepubs.com>
Pew Tactical – <http://pewpewtactical.com>
Recoil Magazine (from Gun Digest) - <http://www.recoilweb.com>
Recoil OffGrid Magazine - <https://www.offgridweb.com>
Rifle Craft - <https://www.rifle-craft.com>
Schiffer Publishing - <http://www.schifferbooks.com>
Skyhorse Publishing - <http://www.skyhorsepublishing.com>
Tactical Hyve - <https://tacticalhyve.com/>
the loaded mag - <http://theloadedmag.com>

Organizations/Clubs

Ben Lomond Gun Club, Elbert County, Colorado – <https://www.blgc.org/>
Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Bailey, Colorado – <https://www.bcgc.com/>
Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – <http://cmp.org>
Colorado Gun Collectors Association (CGCA) – <http://www.cgca.com/>
Colorado Firearms Safety Coalition - <http://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org>
Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA) – <http://www.cssa.org>
Concealed Nation – <http://concealednation.org>
Firearms Coalition - <https://firearmscoalition.org/>
Gun Owners of America (GOA) – <http://www.gunowners.org>
National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) – <https://nationalgunrights.org/>
National Rifle Association (NRA) – <http://nramedia.org>
National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) – <http://nssf.org>
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO) – <https://rmgo.org/>
Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) – <https://tsra.com/>
United States Concealed Carry Assn. (USCCA) – <http://uscca.org>
USA Shooting Team – <https://www.usashooting.org/>

Politics/Gun Control

Colorado General Assembly – <http://leg.colorado.gov>
Contact Your Elected Officials - <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

Gun Control and Second Amendment Issues

Arbalest Quarrel - <http://www.arbalestquarrel.com>
Crime Prevention Research Center - Dr. John Lott, Ph.D. - <http://www.crimeresearch.org>
Handgun Law USA – <http://www.handgunlaw.us/>
NRA Institute for Legal Action (NRA-ILA) – <https://www.nraila.org/>
Second Amendment Foundation - <http://www.saf.org>
2nd Amendment Learning Guide – <https://www.daytonohlawyer.com/blog/2018/10/2nd-amendment-learning-guide/>

Prepping/Survival Skills

Archery Guide - <http://www.completeguidetoarchery.com>
Survival Still – <http://survivalstill.com>

Shows/Exhibitions

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn. – <http://www.cgca.com>
Tanner Gun Show – <http://tannergunshow.com>

Social Media/Podcasts

Down Range Radio – <http://www.downrange.tv/blog/category/down-range-radio/>
Guns and Ham/Amateur Radio – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1101562313308836/>
Gun Talk Media – <https://guntalk.com/>
The Gun Nation Podcast – <http://www.gunnation.us/>

Airguns

Airsoft Station Guide for Scouts BSA shooting programs – <https://www.airsoftstation.com/content/resources/boy-scout-airsoft-rifle-safety-information.html>
<https://airgunstation.com/resources/all-about-air-guns/>
American Airguns – <http://www.airguns.net/index.php>
Get Airsoft Gun Blog - <https://getairsoftgun.com/>

Ammunition

Ammo.com – <https://ammo.com/>
Ammo For Sale – <http://https://www.ammo4sale.com/>
Ammo To Go – <https://www.ammunitiontogo.com/>
Ammunition Depot - <https://www.ammunitiondepot.com/>
Ammunition Store - <https://ammunitionstore.com/>
ASYM Precision Ammunition - <http://asymammo.com>
Barnes Bullets - <http://barnesbullets.com>
Black Hills Ammunition - <http://www.black-hills.com>
CCI - <http://www.cci-ammunition.com>
Corbon Dakota Ammo, Inc. - <http://www.corbon.com>

Online Resources for Shooters - 3

Creedmoor Sports -

<https://www.creedmoorsports.com/category/Ammunition>

Doubletap Ammunition - <http://doubletapammo.com>

Federal Cartridge Co. - <http://federalpremium.com>

Fiocchi Ammunition - <http://fiocchiusa.com>

Gorilla Ammunition - <https://gorillaammo.com>

Hornady - <http://www.hornady.com>

Lucky Gunner - <https://www.luckygunner.com/>

Missouri Bullets - <http://missouribullet.com>

Montana Bullet Works - <http://montanabulletnetworks.com>

PMC Ammunition - <http://pmcammo.com>

PRVI Partizan - <https://www.prvipartizan.com>

Remington Arms - <http://www.remington.com>

Sellier & Bellot - <https://www.sellierbellot.us>

Sierra Bullets - <http://sierrabullets.com>

Speer - <https://www.speer.com>

Tula Ammo - <https://www.tulammo.ru/en/>

Wilson Combat - <http://www.wilsoncombat.com>

Winchester Ammunition - <http://www.winchester.com>

Wolf Ammo - <https://wolfammo.com/default.aspx>

Reloading

Boomers Bullet Moulds - <http://boomersmoulds.com>

C&H/4D Dies - <http://www.ch4d.com>

Colorado Brass - <http://www.coloradooncefiredbrass.com>

Forster Products - <http://forsterproducts.com>

How to Reload Ammo: Basic Equipment -

Ammoland - <https://www.ammoland.com/2012/09/how-to-reload-ammunition/#axzz2igtUzPzS>

Graf & Sons Reloading - <http://grafs.com>

Huntingdon Die Specialties - <http://www.huntingtons.com>

Lee Precision - <http://leeprecision.com>

Lyman Products - <http://lymanproducts.com>

M.D. Smith's Reloading - <http://www.reloadammo.com/>

Precision Reloading - <http://www.precisionreloading.com>

Products for the Beginning Reloader - <https://www.midwayusa.com/how-to-guides/beginning-re-loader>

RCBS - <http://www.rcbs.com>

Redding Reloading Equipment - <http://redding-reloading.com>

Reloading Your Own Ammo - <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/how-to-get-started-reloading-ammunition/>

Smartreloader Products - <http://www.smartreloader-usa.com>

Starline Brass - <http://www.starlinebrass.com>

Speer Ammo - <http://www.speer-bullets.com>

Top Brass - <http://www.topbrass-inc.com>

Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply - <http://wideners.com>

X-Reload - <http://x-reload.com>

Bullseye/Action Shooting

The Encyclopedia of Bullseye Pistol -

<http://www.bullseyepistol.com/>

NRA Competition Rules (rev. 2018) -

<https://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf>

NRA Precision Pistol Competition -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NRA_Precision_Pistol

Black Powder Guns

Beauchamp & Son Flintlocks etc. -

<http://www.flintlocksetc.com>

Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>

Navy Arms - <http://www.navyarms.com>

S&S Firearms - <http://www.ssfirearms.com>

Traditions Performance - <http://www.traditionsfirearms.com>

Gun Safety

NRA Eddie Eagle Program for Primary-3rd Grade -

<https://eddieeagle.nra.org/information-for-parents.asp>

NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Promotional Video -

<https://rtbav.nra.org/promotional-video.aspx>

Youth Gun Safety - <https://ammo.com/articles/parents-guide-to-gun-safety>

Gunsmithing

American Gunsmithing - Training Courses -

<http://americangunsmith.com>

Colorado School of Trades - <http://schooloftrades.edu>

Do-It-Yourself

Accurate Shooter -

<http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2008/12/gunsmithing-reference-articles-for-home-smiths/>

Checking the 1911 Frontstrap - Steve Locatelli, CCGC -

<http://cherrycreekgunclub.org/skills/documents/CHECKERIN%20THE%201911%20FRONTSTRAP-wpf.htm>

Maintenance/Cleaning

BING Search - Gun Maintenance Videos -

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=gun+maintenance&qpv=gun+maintenance&FORM=VDRE>

Scopes/Optics

E. Arthur Brown Co. - How to Choose a Hunting Rifle Scope - <https://www.eabco.com/Reports/report01.html>

EuroOptic - <https://www.eurooptic.com/>

Nikon Spot On Scopes -

<http://spoton.nikonssportoptics.com/spoton/spoton.html#Index:4>

On Target Enterprises LLC - How to Use a Scope -

<http://www.ontargetcfl.com/howtoscope.html>

US Optics - Practical Long-Range Rifle Shooting -

<http://demigodllc.com/articles/practical-long-range-rifle-shooting-optics/?p=1>

Online Resources for Shooters - 4

Training/Techniques

Able Shepard Training - <https://ableshepherd.com/>

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Hunter Education –

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>

Family Shooting Center, Cherry Creek State Park –

<http://www.familyshootingcenter.com/>

Foothills Firearm Instruction – Brett Denison, CCGC –

<http://www.foothillsfirearminstruction.com/>

Law Enforcement Services LLC – Basic Pistol Shooting
Techniques –

<http://www.lawenforcementservices.biz/Web%20Page%20Graphics/Basic%20Pistol%20Shooting%20Techniques.pdf>

Home Security

<https://reviews.thedenverchannel.com/home-security-systems-denver/>

<https://www.militaryhomesearch.com/home-security-guide.php>

<https://www.safety.com/best-home-security-systems/>