

## **Mandated Firearms Instruction**

We are fortunate to live in America.

Part of what makes America special in the world is that we have mandated that Americans remain free to own firearms of all sorts.

That mandate has led to a large number of firearms in the hands of citizens, most of whom are knowledgeable about the safe handling and use of firearms, but unfortunately there are many who have never been properly trained in the safe handling of firearms.

As an NRA Instructor I have seen the difference in someone's handling of guns once they have been properly instructed in the care and use of a firearm, be it a handgun or a long gun.

Because people have easy access to firearms, students should be taught how to properly handle and use them.

I propose that the State develop firearms instruction curriculum and construct many more public shooting ranges. Students will not only be taught how to handle firearms, but they will become familiar with their use through practice on actual ranges.

I firmly believe that familiarity with firearms will lead to less firearms accidents and also have the effect of cutting down on senseless firearm killings.

The effect of young people being properly educated in the use of firearms will ultimately lead to a safer society.