

Guns and the law

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A rifle or a shotgun in the wrong hands is just as deadly as a handgun ([Gun To Their Heads](#) – editorial, April 22). They are most often the guns police officers face, particularly in rural areas. They are the guns most often used to kill police officers and spouses in domestic homicides. In 2009, between January and October, they accounted for 40 per cent of recovered firearms related to a criminal act.

With stronger controls on rifles and shotguns, we have seen significant reductions in gun-related death and robberies. The savings from eliminating the registration of rifles and shotguns are estimated at \$3-million per year, a pittance compared to the costs of gun death and injury.