

Type of gun matters

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The Conservative government's policy on long gun control is that a person would still have to register to be in possession of a long gun, but the gun or more guns would not have to be registered.

I am a retired member of the RCMP and did my police work before the gun registry came into effect. There were occasions when information available through the present gun registry system would have been helpful.

It is not only important to know that there is a firearm in a building, but also the type and number of firearms, for police and public safety. This latter point is what opponents of gun registry miss completely. It is important because different precautions have to be taken.

For example, there is a big difference between dealing with someone with a single-shot, 22-calibre rifle and a high-powered, semi-automatic rifle.

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