

# Not just “duck guns”

While the government claims that non-restricted guns are harmless "duck guns" or "family guns", this category includes many powerful semi-automatics including the gun used to kill 14 women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989 and **even certain sniper rifles**. There are **7.1 million non-restricted firearms currently registered to their legal owners** in Canada.

While women's safety, public health, crime prevention, and violence prevention experts **oppose government Bill C-19**, the government is fast-tracking it to prevent a detailed assessment of its impact on public safety and on our international obligations. Bill C-19 **may be sent to the Senate any day**, it proposes to:

- **End the registration** of rifles and shotguns, including the military-style semi-automatic Ruger Mini-14 used in the Montreal Massacre and in the recent shootings in Norway. Guns are currently registered once to their legal owners at no cost to the owner;
- **Remove the requirement that gun owners' licenses be verified** when they purchase a firearm;
- **Enable individuals to acquire an unlimited number of guns**, including powerful semi-automatics, without coming to the authorities' attention that they may be planning to commit some heinous act, or sell them to criminals;
- **Eliminate the requirement that gun dealers must record who purchases new firearms**, a measure that has been in place in one form or another **for more than 30 years** and is essential for enabling crime guns to be traced and for prosecuting people who distribute guns to unlicensed criminals;
- **Destroy the records** of the 7.1 million rifles and shotguns that are currently registered, which will cripple the police's ability to trace any of these guns to their last legal owners if they end up being used in crimes; and,
- **Take away a tool used by police officers** virtually every day to enforce prohibition orders, take preventive actions, and remove guns from dangerous people.

While the government claims that non-restricted guns are harmless, this category includes **many powerful semi-automatics, even certain sniper rifles**, for example:



**Steyr HS.50**

<http://www.shootingcentre.com/catalog/firearms/non-restricted/centrefire/steyr-mannlicher-hs-50-50-bmg>



**IWI Tavor TAR-21 .223**

<http://www.canadaammo.com/product.php?productid=12&cat=0&page=1>



**Ceska Zbrojovka CZ 750 Sniper 308 WIN 5504-5326-UXAAAAX**

[http://theshootingedge.com/store/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=1191](http://theshootingedge.com/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=1191)

## The Ruger Mini-14

On December 6, 1989, a lone gunman armed with a Ruger Mini-14 killed 14 young girls and seriously wounded 14 others at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique. On July 22, 2011, a lone gunman allegedly armed with a Ruger Mini-14 shot and killed 69 people, most of them teenagers and injured hundreds in Norway. The Ruger Mini-14 is mechanically the same as the M14 battle rifle used by the U.S. military. Experts have called it the 'poor man's assault rifle' because of its affordability and capacity to be modified for combat. It is banned in some countries but **in Canada, it is sold as a simple hunting rifle**.