



**Stabbings. Shootings. Swarmings.
Robbery. Home invasions.
Sexual assaults. Kidnappings.**

We see the headlines everyday. Innocent Canadian citizens are on the receiving end of increasing random violence and are seldom able adequately to defend themselves.

It is time for Canadians to stop living as victims and show a REAL and PROVEN zero-tolerance stance on violent crime.

Dialing 911 takes only seconds...

Waiting for help to arrive could take the rest of your life.

The Canadian Association for Self Defence

is committed to increasing public safety, and returning to mature and responsible citizens the ability to protect themselves and their families at all times and in any situation. Our right to defend ourselves is guaranteed by our right to life, liberty and security of the person, as affirmed in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

The Canadian Association for Self Defence (CASD) is comprised of members from all walks of life: law enforcement officers, health professionals, senior citizens, blue-collar workers, post-secondary students, and former victims of violent crime. We strive to reclaim for law-abiding citizens the legal means to carry a weapon for protection; for themselves and their loved ones. The very random and unpredictable nature of violent attacks make it essential that Canadians become able to recognize threats and react quickly to protect themselves from grievous bodily harm or death.

All persons are vulnerable - men, women, and children - and are assaulted and robbed on the street and in their homes on a regular basis. Citizens are afraid to testify against gang members because of fear of reprisal, and are victimized by thugs who routinely prey upon those weaker than themselves. You can call 911, but by the time police arrive, the damage is done. Lives are ruined and innocent citizens are traumatized - *and crime pays off for the criminals*.

We will work together with citizens, law enforcement, and the various levels of government to ensure citizens have access to the tools to exercise their right and responsibility to personal safety. We are Canadians who believe that your ability to exercise your right to defend yourself should not be restricted or limited by a politician; the decision of how to protect yourself best should be made by each individual Canadian citizen.

***"Everyone has
the right to life,
liberty and
security of the
person..."***

- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 7

School Shooting at Dawson College
in Westmount, Quebec
(1 dead, 19 injured)

Kimveer Gill's mad killing spree at Dawson College on September 13, 2006 was stopped by two armed citizens – police officers who had been visiting the school regarding an unrelated incident. They were at the right place at the right time. Without that stroke of luck, how many more shattered families would there have been? Are good people expected to be sitting ducks and die waiting for armed police officers to arrive? Or should they be able to arm themselves and confront the threat immediately? A psychopath will kill people regardless of the law. The longer an armed response is delayed, *the more time that psychopath will have to harm good people.*

École Polytechnique Massacre
in Montreal, Quebec, Canada
(14 dead, 14 injured)

Marc Lépine, armed with a legally obtained semi-automatic rifle and a hunting knife, shot twenty-eight people before killing himself. This happened on December 6, 1989 at the École Polytechnique engineering school in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. After claiming that "*feminists ruined his life*", he moved through corridors, the cafeteria, and another classroom, specifically targeting women to shoot. Several women were killed, and many more were injured in less than twenty minutes. After being met with armed resistance in the school (police officers), he turned the gun on himself. How do you bring someone to justice when they have no intention of living through the ordeal? It takes good people armed with guns to defend against a deranged killer with a gun, and *the lack of them leads to people dying who could otherwise have been saved.*

Ex-couple's bodies ruled Murder-
Suicide in Maple Ridge, BC

Karen Beck had a restraining order against her ex-husband Richard, but that did no good when he found her alone and vulnerable in their Maple Ridge home on November 15, 2007. The Becks' bodies were carried out of the burning home and the RCMP's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team later ruled the incident as a murder-suicide. Ridge Meadows RCMP had been aware of the danger to Karen Beck's life since June 2005, when Richard held a gun held to her head. If Karen had something to defend herself with, such as a gun, would she still be alive today? It's obvious that a restraining order – a piece of paper – *did nothing to protect her.*

Elderly woman shot to death
in Biggar, Saskatchewan

The RCMP says foul play was involved in the death of 82-year-old Ruby Macaroff. Officers found her body in her home on February 17, 2009 after a neighbour called expressing concern about the woman's well-being. The town of 2,400 is reeling from the death, believed to be the first murder there in more than 30 years. Neighbours and friends all say they feel less safe since her death, and have been careful to lock their doors at night. Even in the safest neighbourhoods and towns, criminals can still harm good people. An elderly woman could not possibly defend herself unarmed. You should be able to be safe in your own home. Preparing to defend yourself is like preparing for any other emergency. A weapon is an emergency defensive tool. *Always have the tools necessary to deal with an emergency.*

Violent criminals will be armed, regardless of any bans on inanimate objects in place. Violent criminals will injure or kill people regardless of the law. Criminals have no respect for the law. They have no respect for other peoples' property, and they certainly have no respect for you.

We believe that law-abiding Canadian citizens deserve to be more than victims; they deserve to have a realistic chance of not becoming victims in the first place. If the safety of yourself and your loved ones is of great concern to you, support the Canadian Association for Self Defence and help us *fight for your rights!*

For more information, visit our website at www.casd.ca



**Self-defence is
not a privilege;
It is a *Right!***

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