

**We have a daughter and 3 grandchildren living in Newtown By the grace of God, our 6 year old grandson, first grade, was in the other school when this tragedy happened. He has however lost friends from his various teams that kids have for recreation. How do you explain that to a 6 year old??**

**Any and all "Assault" type weapons should be treated the same as a pistol which requires a permit to carry. If somebody chooses to own such a weapon, they should either join the army or they should be treated just like having a boat or car licence. They should be registered only by licensed owners, after a background check. The owners should be held to account if any "Assault replica" weapon" is used by somebody else for any reason, except for supervised training. Anyone who uses an "Assault replica" semi automatic weapon, or god forbid, an automatic weapon, cannot be using such a weapon for anything except self gratification or a crime. If they cannot hit a target, or game, with one shot, they have a problem.**

**There a number of gun ranges in the state, perhaps it would be helpful if local police checked these ranges on occasion, to see if anyone with an assault looking weapon has a smaller clip and a license to use the weapon, assuming the state puts a law into effect that allows this. There also should be strict , and confiscation of the weapon, if the shooter does not comply with a license and registration requirement. All this may not stop someone who is mentally unstable, but it may restrict their access to "Assault" type weapons, as the owner would have a responsibility to keep the weapon under strict control.**

**I believe in the second amendment, but when it was written we had muskets. 2 shots about every minute.**

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