

Gun Violence Committee:

I believe the gun laws in Connecticut are stronger than many in other states. We must strengthen them again by seeing the Military-Style and Assault weapons no longer available here. Unfortunately, far more harm is caused by handguns people keep in their homes "for protection". The Connecticut Against Gun Violence (www.cagv.org) has statistics and stories about family members and children hurt because guns are found and used.

If guns are sold here in the State, I strongly believe they must not be armed, have a lock or be properly stored. Homes should be inspected so they meet these standards. We will all be far safer. Governor Rell and Governor Malloy have both issued proclamations about Asking Saves Kids (ASK) Day. That takes place on the first day of Summer, when children play at one another's homes more often. Additional information about ASK Day can be found at www.cpyv.org/programs/ask/.../what-is-the-ask-campaign/. Inspections to see the guns are stored properly should take place regularly.

Sincerely,

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