Gun Deaths: The Epidemiology, Law, and Policy of Prevention

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What would be the most effective *policy* in preventing these foreseeable injuries?
~32,000
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yes
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A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.
District of Columbia v. Heller

Majority Opinion: certain gun laws *are* valid even though the Second Amendment confers a right to individuals.

What are the constitutional boundaries?
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**GENERALLY, YES**
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Lifespan of a Gun

Design & Manufacture
Sale
Possession
Use
Effectiveness of Regulation, by Life Span Stage

- Design & Manufacture: High
- Sale
- Possession
- Use: Low