

The Long Gun Registry – MYTHS AND FACTS

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The Firearms Registry is a financial boondoggle & costs billions to run.	In 2009, it cost \$4.1 million to operate the long gun registry.
There's too much red tape in registering a long gun.	Registrations or transfers are done over the phone or online in a matter of minutes.
It's expensive to register/transfer a long gun.	It's free.
The gun registry targets the wrong people.	As of 2009, 111,533 firearms were seized by police for public safety reasons or after criminal use. 87, 893 were long guns.
Criminals use handguns. Long guns are used by law-abiding hunters and farmers.	Not always. Of the 16 police officer shooting deaths since 1998, 14 were committed with a long gun. In 2007, about 15% of known firearm homicides in Canada were committed with a long gun.
Police don't support the CFP.	All of the major Canadian organizations representing police support the registration of all firearms in Canada.
Police don't use the gun registry or the CFP's other services.	Police across Canada access the Firearms Registry online on average 11,076 times a day, 2,842 of those queries for addresses involving community safety incidents.
The Firearms Registry online has no impact on Police.	It does impact officer safety as evidenced by the fact that police used it 4,042,859 times last year.
The CFP does not save lives.	The CFP does more than register guns. It's another tool that assists police in making informed decisions that contribute to community safety.
The "gun registry" database has been breached over 300 times by hackers - our information isn't safe.	Wrong. The CFP's national database has never been breached by hackers. Information is safe and secure.

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