



## **Guns should be registered, insured just like vehicles**

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“13 dead including gunman in shooting at bar.”

If you saw this headline in last Thursday’s Daily News, your reaction was probably the same as mine and many others across the nation: Here we go again.

I don’t know about you, but I’m a little more nervous these days when I go into a public place, regardless of whether it’s a movie theater, supermarket, college campus or church building.

It seems you never know if there will be an outburst of violence by someone who has a gun and a grudge. You can find yourself in the wrong place at the wrong time and become the next statistic.

And the answer is not more guns. As much as many people seem to long for a return to the Wild West days, this is simply not a viable solution for the modern world.

Think about this for a moment.

If you purchase a new car, the first thing you have to do is go to the courthouse and register it. As a part of this process, the clerk will ask you for proof of insurance.

This makes perfect sense. If my foot slips off the brake while I’m sitting at a traffic light and I rear the car in front of me, I’ll be held liable for any damages you incur if you happen to be the unlucky person idling in front of me.

So why don’t we have the same requirement for firearms?

Buy as many guns as you want, but make it a requirement that each one has to be covered by liability insurance.

I’d like to think that if someone gets trigger happy while standing in the same aisle as me at the grocery store, they would have the resources available to cover my medical expenses.

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