

Alberta 1st Party gun policy statement

We will target all legislation on criminal behavior, while treating peaceful and responsible citizens with respect.

Firearms are private property; unfettered ownership is a building block of a free society.

Alberta1st Party Plan:

Alberta will:

- 1. Not participate in the Canadian Firearms Act or supporting legislation.
- 2. Delete all data bases of legal gun owners and their property. Create our own Continuous Eligibility Screening Program (CESP) to keep track of violent criminals, people with mental illness in the family, and those who fail to demonstrate competency on a course. This will be a small, effective, and easy to manage database. Checks will be in place to remove people from this list when appropriate. Anyone attempting to acquire or possesses a firearm while listed in this database will have committed a crime.
- **3. Create** our own "**Department of Hunting, Fishing and Firearms**" for regulatory work.
- **4**. **Develop a Competency Certificate**. Update the current firearms education program, including a live fire test and 2 revised categories of firearms. (*Short and *Long guns) The Competency Certificate (CC) will be required at point of purchase, to prove course completion to a seller.

- **5**. **Ensure background Checks**. A point of purchase criminal background check will be linked to the new CESP database. Peaceful possession and ownership of both short and long guns will require no special permission after purchase.
- **6. Ensure penalties** for use of a firearm in the commission of a crime is strengthened and applied.
- **7. Allow open carry to be legal in**, but not limited to, wilderness areas, in a personal residence, places of business, and on personal property. A person will have to pass a certified course which will include legalities, handling, knowledge, as well as live fire testing.
- **8**. **Allow concealed carry** wherever it is not expressly forbidden by law. A person will have to pass a certified course which will include legalities, handling, knowledge, as well as live fire testing.
- **9. Allow ownership of automatic firearms,** with proper training.
- 10. Make firearms education a part of school curriculum. Definitions:
- **a. Long Gun**: any firearm with the stock or any accessory collapsed or folded to make the firearm, when measured in its shortest configuration, and assembled to the point that the firearm can discharge a round, to have a barrel length over 304 mm (12 inches) with an overall length of at least 661 mm (26 Inches).
- **b**. **Short Gun:** any firearm with the stock or any accessory collapsed or folded to make the firearm, when measured in its shortest configuration, and assembled to the point that the firearm can discharge a round, to have a barrel length under 304 mm (12 inches) and/or have an overall length of less than 661 mm (26 inches).
- **c. Stock**: the part of the firearm made of material that can safely withstand the recoil of the firearm, used in holding the firearm against the shoulder when firing.
- **d. Accessory**: a device or part attached to the firearm that is not a standard part in the most basic model assembled by the manufacturer.

