

ARE GUN FREE ZONES SAFE?

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ABSTRACT

A gun free zone may be an area as small as a school yard or as large as a country where only the police and military have access to firearms and maintain a superior force. Events during the past several decades have raised questions on the safety of individuals in what has been classified as "Gun Free Zones." These zones are intended to provide a safe environment for individuals without the possibility of firearms being brought into the area and displayed, discharged or used for any purpose. The concept of the implementation of safe zones, whether it is business, school or country, is but a first step on restricting the ownership and rights of individuals to protect themselves from both criminals and the government. Businesses place their confidence in the governmental systems to protect their management and property wherein ultimately they find they must employ armed security and surveillance monitors to insure the safety of the operating entity. Throughout time governments have consistently sought to restrict the availability of firearms as a means to reduce crime, however, as the government increases its control and mandates, the cost of self-protection to businesses increases. An area, zone, population or country that cannot resist with force, will eventually be controlled by a superior force.