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couple times, but found that it was a kick that really worked on the shoulder, so I didn't want to shoot it any more than I had to. In going through my file, I came across some information that I do not take credit for writing. It says, the principal undisputed fact of this issue, of concealed carry, is that allowing concealed weapons will significantly increase the number of immediately available loaded deadly weapons being handled on a daily basis. From this fact, several concerns I will state. That increasing the handling of loaded weapons will increase the number of accidents to handgun owners. That increasing the handling of loaded weapons will increase incidence of unintentional access to children and the horror of accidental shootings of children. I've always been supportive of trigger locks of handguns, but too often the handguns that have the trigger locks, the key to that is in the purse and/or in the briefcase, and this concerns me with it not being observed and keeping it out of the hands of children. That the instant availability of deadly force will lead to increased incidence of crimes of passion by people who were without criminal records, including things such as spousal abuse and road rage. It seems like society has such a short fuse anymore, and it wouldn't take much on a roadway, instead of giving you a hand signal, to pull out a weapon. In the home, instead of just talking out a situation, a weapon could be pulled in a spousal dispute. That the availability of deadly force to unstable and/or paranoid personalities will lead to more severe criminal incidents. Many people--and of course, the minority would be this...ones that affect this--are so easily triggered. That the immediate availability of deadly force will cause more deadly misunderstandings with the police, which can be potentially deadly to both sides involved. That the immediate availability of deadly force when drunk or on drugs will lead to both more accidents and more crime. That the use of concealed weapons lessens the public demand for excellence in our police force, and suggests that the social causes of crime might be overlooked. And lastly, that potential criminals carrying concealed weapons could easily target individuals who are unlikely to have or be adept with concealed weapons. If you have that weapon and you have a license to carry it and you pull it out, you'd better be real sure, as soon as that's exposed, that you're going to be able to shoot back. I feel very