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## **Buying a Firearm for Self-defense in the Wake of Terrorist Attacks is More Harmful Than Helpful for Consumers**

WASHINGTON, DC—Buying a firearm for self-defense in the wake of last week's terrorist attacks is more harmful than helpful for America's consumers—Consumer Federation of America Foundation (CFAF) stated today. CFAF's "Facts to Consider When Considering Buying a Firearm" ask consumers to think about the following:

- **Having a firearm in the home is more dangerous than protective**  
**Firearms are more likely to be used in crime than to prevent them**
- **Firearms could have safety-related defects**
- **Research that supports the use of firearms for self-defense is flawed**

"The terrorist attacks naturally made people afraid, but buying a firearm for self-protection gives the consumer nothing more than a false sense of safety," CFAF Firearms Project Director Susan Peschin stated.

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