

The British Shooting Sports Council



Young People and firearms: the British Shooting Sports Council's position

BSSC supports the present legal position whereby under-18s with an interest in shooting can be taught to shoot and participate in a sport - under appropriate and legally based controls - which has an outstanding record for safety.

Shooting in a controlled environment teaches responsibility and a wholesome form of self-discipline.

The use of firearms by young people under the current regime creates no issues for public safety. BSSC notes that in his evidence to the Home Affairs Committee in 2010, ACC Adrian Whiting (Association of Chief Police Officers lead, Firearms Licensing) made it clear that the evidence in relation to young people shooting does not give any particular cause for concern.

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