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Deciding to purchase a firearm is a very serious matter and should not be taken lightly. Someone considering purchasing a firearm for home defense must make a sober decision to not only make the purchase, but to get professional training and frequent practice. (Concealed carry class is **NOT** training.) If your goal is to get a gun and leave it in your nightstand just to have it around, perhaps you should consider other forms of defense. Chemical mace, electronic “taser,” or a baseball bat. Use of a firearm for defense includes the decision to take a human life in order to protect yourself or others from unlawful harm. A very serious decision, not to be taken lightly.

Having made the decision to buy a firearm and to learn how to use it, what kind should you get? There is no perfect, one-gun-fits-all. **Period!** In the firearms world there are literally thousands of choices. No one, repeat; NO ONE, can tell you what you need. Only you can decide. Get advice from a trusted, knowledgeable friend, or professional trainer. Avoid advice from your second cousin who is a former corrections officer, or police officer. Most cops are surprisingly not “into guns,” despite carrying one daily as a tool of the trade. Likewise gun shop employees know how to ring up merchandise but should not be relied upon for sound advice. I’ve had many occasions to interrupt sales pitches when I hear bad advice given at the gun counter. If someone tells you that “*all cops carry one of these,*” or “*this one will stop a bad guy in his tracks,*” you should walk away. Find a professional who will present you with many different firearms, for you to try. You try on shoes before you buy them. You test drive a car before making an oftentimes very expensive commitment, so should you make an informed decision when making a firearm purchase.

And we’re not yet talking about what kind of ammunition works best. There are literally thousands of books and other publications on these topics. All major brand firearms are good. No kidding. That is because of competitiveness in the marketplace. They all want your money, so they are putting out quality products. There are many, many myths and old wives tales out there, which are almost all wrong. If I can be of further help, email me at pioneer4111@gmail.com.

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