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## Two reasons to nix Florida gun proposals

*"By decreeing that businesses cannot prohibit firearms, even for the safety of their workers and customers, the Legislature would abolish a significant property right."*

*"... having a gun nearby, such as in a parked car just outside the front door, certainly would make it easier for a disgruntled worker to commit mayhem."*

*"So, take your pick: Guns at work put people at risk, or the guns-at-work bills curtail property rights. Or pick both. They're two good reasons the Legislature should reject these proposals."*

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## Shootout in the Legislature Carrying guns doesn't trump property rights

*"In Florida, the state Supreme Court has ruled, 'The ownership of property is one of the most sacred rights encouraged and protected by both our state and federal Constitutions.'"*

*"Second Amendment gun ownership rights are intact; the gun owner simply keeps the gun off the property, but isn't stripped of the gun. That's part of the balancing tests we apply to constitutional rights when they appear to conflict."*

*"The complexities and subtleties of the current gun issue should not overshadow the more fundamental conflict between the rights of private property owners, and the power of government to limit those rights."*

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## Leave the guns at home

*"...private property owners should have the right to keep guns off their own property."*

*"...a ticked-off worker with a gun in the trunk is a lot more dangerous than a ticked-off worker with a gun at home."*

*"Anything that shortens the cooling-off period could lead to workplace violence, and the Chamber of Commerce and Florida Retail Federation are only behaving sanely when they oppose the Bring-A-Gun-To-Work bill. If only the Legislature would act sanely, too."*



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Guns at work. It's bad news waiting to happen.