

# Heller vs DC (Supreme Court)[2008]

***District of Columbia v. Heller***, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), was a [landmark decision](#) of the [US Supreme Court](#) ruling that the [Second Amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home, and that the District of Columbia's [handgun](#) ban and requirement that lawfully owned [rifles](#) and [shotguns](#) be kept "unloaded and disassembled or bound by a [trigger lock](#)" violated this guarantee.<sup>[1]</sup> It also stated that the right to bear arms is not unlimited and that guns and gun ownership would continue to be regulated. It was the first Supreme Court case to decide whether the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense or if the right was intended for state militias.<sup>[2]</sup>

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