



## **About these cards**

**These playing cards are designed to aid visual identification of a selection of the most common small arms in contemporary armed conflict and crime.**

**Increasingly, humanitarian personnel, peacekeepers, and development workers in violent societies, are exposed to small arms violence.**

**Inform the international debate on small arms and light weapons by improving the way you report incidents. Accurate reporting is essential for research, analysis, and ultimately policy-making on the illicit proliferation of small arms and light weapons and effective security sector reform.**

**If you have information on the types and flows of small arms in your area, please inform the Small Arms Survey.**

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### **The effects**

**The proliferation of small arms and light weapons represents a grave threat to human security. The unchecked spread of these weapons has exacerbated inter- and intra-state conflicts, contributed to human rights violations, undermined political and economic development, destabilized communities, and devastated the lives of millions of people. To fashion policies to improve human security, one must understand the direct and indirect effects of small arms availability and misuse:**

#### **Selected direct effects:**

- Deaths and injuries**
- Cost of injury treatment**
- Psychological trauma**

#### **Selected indirect effects:**

- Migration and displacement**
- Impairment of social services**
- Destruction of infrastructure**
- Reduced earnings and investment**
- Breakdown of law and order**
- Higher costs of humanitarian aid**



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## Type 56-1



**Type: Assault rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Under-folding stock with**  
**smooth arms**

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## Type 56-2



**Type: Assault rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Side-folding stock; ribbed**  
**plastic fascia on stock**

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## Kalashnikov AK 47



**Type:** Assault rifle  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x39mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Long depression above magazine;  
no folding bayonet

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## Kalashnikov AK 74



Type: Assault rifle  
Cartridge: 5.45x39mm  
Distinguishing features:  
Long muzzle brake; plastic  
magazine; broad grooves in stock

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## **Kalashnikov AKS 74**



**Type: Assault rifle**

**Cartridge: 5.45x39mm**

**Distinguishing features:**

**Long muzzle brake; plastic magazine; side-folding stock**



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## Barrett 82A1



**Type:** Anti matériel rifle  
**Cartridge:** 12.7x99mm (0.50)  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Large magazine; hand guard  
hexagonal in cross-section;  
perforated bipod





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## **Beretta BM59**



**Type: Automatic rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x51mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Straight magazine; small perforations behind muzzle**

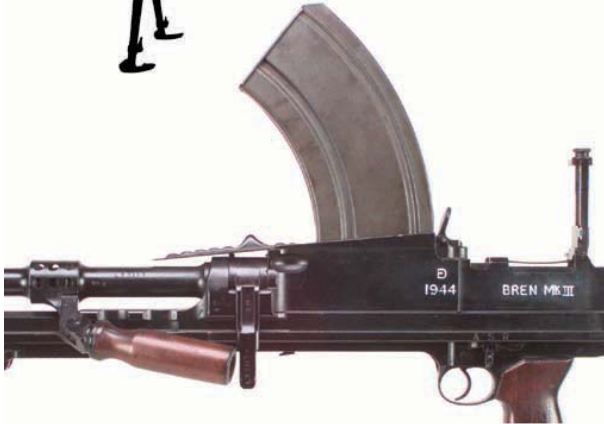


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## Bren Mk III



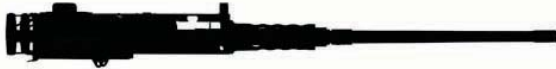
**Type:** Light machine gun  
**Cartridge:** 0.303; 7.62x51mm  
**Distinguishing features:** Top-loading,  
curved magazine



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## Browning M2 HB



**Type:** Heavy Machine gun  
**Cartridge:** 12.7x99mm (0.50)  
**Distinguishing features:** Long, smooth barrel; large holes in barrel jacket (rear of barrel); double grips at rear

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## **CETME B/Model 58**



**Type: Automatic rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x51mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Straight pistol grip; long**  
**ventilation slits in hand guard**

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## Colt M16A1



**Type: Assault rifle**

**Cartridge: 5.56x45mm**

**Distinguishing features:**

**Integral carry handle/rear sight;  
triangular foresight; black plastic  
fittings**



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## **Dragunov SVD**



**Type: Sniper rifle**

**Cartridge: 7.62x54mm**

**Distinguishing features:**

**3 ventilator holes in hand guard;  
waffle-type magazine; long rubber  
eye piece**



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## **The Small Arms Survey**

**The Small Arms Survey serves as the principal international source of public information on all aspects of small arms, and as a resource centre for governments, policy makers, researchers, and activists.**

**The Survey distributes its findings through a series of occasional papers, special reports, a book series, and its annual publication Small Arms Survey.**

**The project has an international staff with expertise in security studies, political science, international public policy, law, economics, development studies, conflict resolution, and sociology. The staff works closely with a worldwide network of researchers and partners.**

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## FAMAS



Type: Assault rifle  
Cartridge: 5.56x45mm  
Distinguishing features:  
Long carry handle/sight;  
bipod pivots on hand guard



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## FN FNC



**Type:** Assault rifle  
**Cartridge:** 5.56x45mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Tubular folding stock;  
rounded hand guard with  
lateral grooves

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## FN FAL



**Type:** Automatic rifle  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x51mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Straight magazine; stock narrows towards angled pistol grip**



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## FN MAG



Type: General purpose machine gun

Cartridge: 7.62x51mm

Distinguishing features: Angular pistol grip; pronounced curve to top of stock; large rivets on body side panels

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## IMI Galil ARM



**Type:** Assault rifle  
**Cartridge:** 5.56x45mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Box-shaped hand guard with horizontal grooves; bipod; folding stock; (non-standard magazine in picture)



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## **Browning High-Power**



**Type: Self-loading pistol**  
**Cartridge: 9x19mm Parabellum**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Tapered and scalloped profile**  
**towards muzzle**

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## Heckler & Koch G3



**Type:** Automatic rifle  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x51mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Smooth hand guard; rounded,  
enclosed foresight



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## Type 56



**Type: Assault rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Folding cruciform bayonet;**  
**right side of receiver marked**  
**with L and D or Chinese script**



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## **Kalashnikov AKM**



**Type: Assault rifle**

**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**

**Distinguishing features:**

**Small indentations above  
magazine; ribs on receiver cover;  
angled muzzle**



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## **AMD 65**



**Type: Assault rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Forward pistol grip; long**  
**perforations in hand guard;**  
**T-shaped folding stock**



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## RPK



**Type:** Light machine gun  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x39mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Cleaver-shaped stock;  
ribbed steel magazine

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## **RPK 74**



**Type: Light machine gun**

**Cartridge: 5.45x39mm**

**Distinguishing features:**

**Cleaver-shaped stock;  
plastic magazine**



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## **Lee-Enfield No.4**



**Type: Bolt-action rifle**  
**Cartridge: 0.303; 7.62x51mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Angular magazine with two**  
**broad grooves abuts trigger guard**



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# M1 Garand



**Type: Self-loading rifle**

**Cartridge: 0.30**

**Distinguishing features:**

**Upright rear sight housing;  
no visible magazine; raised,  
rounded foresight guards**



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## **M1 Carbine**



**Type: Self-loading rifle**  
**Cartridge: 0.30**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Slim, straight or curved magazine;**  
**large bayonet plug below barrel**

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**M14**



**Type: Self-loading rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x51mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Protrusion under barrel;**  
**transverse grooves on**  
**hand guard**



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## M60



**Type:** General purpose machine gun  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x51mm  
**Distinguishing features:** Twin rows of holes in bipod; vertical vents in hand guard

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## **Mauser M1898**



**Type: Bolt-action rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.92x57mm; 7.62x51mm**  
**Distinguishing features: Slim,  
full-length, two-piece stock;  
no visible magazine**



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## Colt M1911A1



**Type:** Self-loading pistol  
**Cartridge:** 0.45 ACP  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Deep cross-hatching on  
pistol grip; prominent spur  
under hammer

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## Makarov PM



**Type:** Self-loading pistol  
**Cartridge:** 9x18mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Scalloped underside  
immediately behind muzzle;  
wrap-around pistol grip; small,  
rounded hammer

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## MAS 49



**Type: Self-loading rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.5x54mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Straight magazine; vertical**  
**rear end of receiver**

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## FN Minimi



**Type:** Light machine gun

**Cartridge:** 5.56x45mm

**Distinguishing features:**

Square-shaped hand guard;  
fixed carry handle; tubular stock;  
sometimes side-fitting magazine



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## Mosin-Nagant 1891/30



**Type:** Bolt-action rifle  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x54mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Slim magazine profile;  
deep grooves in hand guard

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## Mosin-Nagant 1944



Type: Bolt-action rifle  
Cartridge: 7.62x54mm  
Distinguishing features:  
Deep grooves either side  
of hand guard; fixed magazine  
attached to trigger guard

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## **The International Agenda**

**In 2001, the United Nations adopted the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. It did so in recognition of the threat small arms and light weapons pose to human security in many parts of the world.**

**The Programme requires member nations, to regulate the proliferation of illicit firearms through a series of national, regional, and global initiatives, including:**

- Marking and tracing of weapons**
- Enhancing transfer controls**
- Managing official weapons stocks**
- Destroying surplus or insecure stocks**
- Disarming, demobilising and reintegrating former combatants**
- Strengthening regional action**
- Exchanging information**

**<http://disarmament2.un.org/cab/poa.html>**





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**PK**



**Type: General purpose machine gun**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x54mm**  
**Distinguishing features: Oval hole in stock; triangular foresight**

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## **RPD**



**Type: Light machine gun**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Small, bulbous hand guard;**  
**drum-shaped belt magazine**





## **FN SAFN49**



**Type: Self-loading rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7, 7.65, & 7.92x57mm; 0.30**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Curved front of stock**



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## SIG SG 540



**Type: Assault rifle**  
**Cartridge: 5.56x45mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Vertical ribs on hand guard;**  
**bipod folds flush with hand guard;**  
**often grey/green in colour**

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## Simonov SKS



**Type:** Self-loading rifle  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x39mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Folding bayonet; vertical  
profile at rear of receiver

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## **Type 56 Carbine**

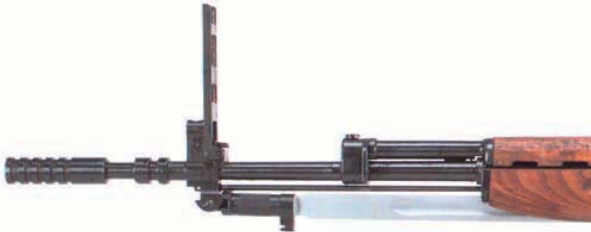


**Type: Self-loading rifle**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x39mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Vertical rear end of receiver;**  
**fixed triangular magazine**



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## M59/66



**Type:** Self-loading rifle  
**Cartridge:** 7.62x39mm  
**Distinguishing features:**  
Ribbed grenade launcher at muzzle; folding grenade sight above barrel

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## Steyr AUG



Type: Assault rifle  
Cartridge: 5.56x45mm  
Distinguishing features:  
Folding grip below barrel;  
transparent, waffle-type  
magazine inserted into stock

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## **Tokarev TT33**



**Type: Pistol**  
**Cartridge: 7.62x25mm**  
**Distinguishing features:**  
**Straight pistol grip with**  
**star motif on grip; no external**  
**safety catch**

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## IMI Uzi



**Type:** Sub-machine gun  
**Cartridge:** 9x19mm Parabellum  
**Distinguishing features:** Collapsible, under-folding stock; magazine fits in pistol grip; large, rounded sight guards

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## Vektor R4



Type: Assault rifle  
Cartridge: 5.56x45mm  
Distinguishing features:  
Square-shaped hand guard  
with horizontal ribs; bipod;  
folding, tubular stock

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## AAT F1



**Type: General purpose machine gun**  
**Cartridge: 7.5x54 & 7.62x51mm**  
**Distinguishing features: Telescoping stock; slim forward profile; no plastic fittings**

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## Small arms resources on the web:

[www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)  
[www.bicc.de](http://www.bicc.de)  
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