

# Kung Fu and the Constitution

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The Second Amendment was adopted on December 15, 1791. It reads:

**"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."**

New York Penal Law § 265.01:

**A person is guilty of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree when: (1) He or she possesses any firearm . . . switchblade knife . . . metal knuckles . . . [nunchucks] . . . or "Kung Fu star."**

For the full code see <https://codes.findlaw.com/ny/penal-law/pen-sect-265-01.html>

OPTIONAL READING:

If students want to read [District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 \(2008\)](#), they might find it interesting. It is NOT required.