



PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS WHEN HUNTING

Ensure you know how to handle your firearm or bow before you intend to use it.

Don't hunt before sunrise or after dark. Be sure you can see clearly, in good light.

Know how far bullets, arrows and pellets can travel.

Never shoot at flat, hard surfaces, such as water, rocks or steel because of ricochets.

Every time you pick up your firearm, the first thing to do is check to see if it is loaded.

Never store a loaded weapon. Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use. Load it when you are ready to use it.

Leave actions open, and store sporting arms in cases when traveling to and from shooting/hunting areas.

Store and transport firearms and ammunition separately and under lock and key.

Always carry arrows in a protected cover or quiver. Learn the proper way to carry them.

Be sure the only ammunition you carry correctly matches the gauge or caliber you are shooting.

When your firearm is loaded, always keep the safety on until you are ready to fire; however, the safety should never be a substitute for safe firearm handling.

Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. Control the direction of the muzzle at all times. Avoid 'horseplay' with firearms.

Never climb a fence, tree or a ladder with a loaded firearm or bow and arrows.

Do not point a firearm or a bow at anything that you do not intend to shoot.

Make sure you know exactly what you are shooting at before pulling the trigger.

Make sure you know what is in front of and beyond your target. Determine that you have a safe backstop or background.

Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until the instant you are ready to fire.

Before pulling the trigger you must identify game animals – know what you are shooting.

Never shoot at any animals on top of ridges or hillsides if you cannot see what is on the other side.

Be sure you know where your hunting companions are at all times. Know the safe 'carries' when there are persons to your sides, in front of, or behind you.

Wear daylight florescent orange so you can be seen from a distance or in heavy bush.

Carry a field cleaning kit for you weapon.

Control your emotions and remain disciplined. Don't let the excitement of a hit target allow you to forget your safety measures.

**** Don't use alcohol or drugs when handling firearms or bow and arrows ****