



# Safety First Rules

## NRA Gun Safety Rules Golden Rules

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

## Additional Safety Precautions \*

- Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- Know how to safely use the gun.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- Know your target and what is beyond.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons (especially children).

\* References : *The Basics of Personal Protection* – an educational training publication of the National Rifle Association. Reprinted by permission of the National Rifle Association of America.

## Hunting Safety

1. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WRE LOADED. Don't assume the firearm you're carrying is empty (give it the respect you would a loaded gun).
2. WATCH YOUR MUZZLE. Know and control the direction of your muzzle at all times. Never pull a gun by the muzzle toward you.
3. KNOW YOUR TARGET. Make sure you identify your target before firing, and know your safe zone of fire. Prepare yourself by studying game features before hunting.
4. DON'T LOAD BEFORE YOU'RE READY. Take down or have all actions open before traveling. Make sure firearms are unloaded within their cases.
5. Watch your step. Newer climb fences, jump ditches or make awkward moves while holding a loaded firearm.
6. CONTROL YOUR TARGET PRACTICE. Be aware of your line of sight. Make sure your backstop is more than adequate. Avoid shooting at hard, flat surfaces or bodies of water, and always wear hearing and eye protection.
7. KEEP IT SERIOUS. No matter how enjoyable it is, hunting is no game. Avoid horseplay, and never point a firearm where you don't want to shoot.
8. INSPECT YOUR FIREARMS. Before loading, inspect your barrel for obstructions. Check ammunition to make sure its specifications match those of your gun.
9. STORE FIREARMS SAFELY. When not in use, store unloaded firearms separately from ammunition. Keep all out of reach of children and inexperienced users.

**BRG CLUB RULES WHEN TARGETS ARE BEING CHANGED...:** DO NOT APPROACH THE BENCH OR FIRING LINE WHILE TARGETS ARE BEING CHANGED. DO NOT HANDLE FIREARMS FOR ANY REASON WHILE SOMEONE IS CHANGING TARGETS OR ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FIRING LINE WINDOW. ALL RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS MUST BE PLACED ON THE RIFLE RACK AND ALL HANDGUNS MUST BE RE-HOLSTERED OR PLACED ON THE BENCH TABLE WITH THE ACTION OPEN AND UNLOADED.