

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY



1. *Watch that muzzle!* Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.



2. *Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.*
It might be, even if you think it isn't.



3. *Be sure of the target and what is in front of it and beyond it.*
Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Make sure you have an adequate backstop - don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.



4. *Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.*
This is the best way to prevent an accidental discharge.



5. *Check your barrel and ammunition.* Make sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and carry only the proper ammunition for your firearm.



6. *Unload firearms when not in use.* Leave actions open; carry firearms in cases and unloaded to and from the shooting area.



7. *Point a firearm only at something you intend to shoot.* Avoid all horseplay with a gun.



8. *Don't run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm.* Unload a firearm before you climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch. Pull a firearm toward you by the butt, not the muzzle.



9. *Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.* Store each in secured locations beyond the reach of children and careless adults.



10. *Avoid alcoholic beverages before or during shooting.*
Also avoid mind - or behavior-altering medicines or drugs.

