

For more information
on hunting safety, contact the
Pennsylvania Game Commission
or one of its regional offices.

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REMEMBER

to do the following when storing a firearm:

- Make sure the gun is unloaded
- Clean gun properly
- Use a trigger lock
- Store guns in a secure place away from children



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GUN SAFETY

Using a Gun Properly • Hunting Safely
Storing a Gun



*"The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense
of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."*

*Section 21, Declaration of Rights,
Constitution of Pennsylvania*

SAFETY FIRST

Three fundamentals of gun safety *always* must be observed when handling or using a gun:

- 1. Always point the gun in a safe direction.**
- 2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**
- 3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**

In addition, the following rules should be observed when using or storing a firearm:

- Be sure the gun and its parts are in safe working condition.
- Learn how to use the gun properly and safely.
- Use only the right ammunition for the gun.
- Know your target and what is beyond and around it.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting.
- Wear appropriate eye and ear protection while shooting.
- Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized people, especially children.

HUNTING SAFETY

More people in Pennsylvania own firearms for hunting than for any other purpose. Completion of a hunting safety course is required to purchase a resident hunting licence in Pennsylvania. For information about safety courses, contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Bureau of Information and Education or one of the commission's six regional offices, which are listed on the back.



FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS WHILE HUNTING

- Be absolutely sure of your target's identity before shooting.
- Take time to fire a safe shot. If uncertain whether to shoot, don't.
- Use the right ammunition for your firearm and carry only one type of ammunition to avoid confusion.
- If you fall, try to control where the muzzle points. After a fall, check the muzzle for dirt, mud or other obstruction.
- Unload your gun before attempting to climb over a fallen tree or other obstacle or before attempting to climb a steep bank.
- If you are alone and must cross a fence, unload your gun and place it under the fence with the muzzle pointed away from your position.
- Do not hunt if you feel fatigued. Fatigue can cause carelessness and clumsiness which can cause accidents.
- When finished hunting in the field, unload your gun before returning to your vehicle or camp.