

FIREARM SAFETY



Proper firearm safety can mean the difference between life and death. Over 600 people die in the U.S. each year from unintentional gun shot wounds. About 150 of these are children.

Even more people are accidentally wounded every year by guns - over 14,000 adults and over 2,500 children. Prevent tragedy - practice gun safety!

Rules of Gun Safety



Treat every gun as if it were loaded and as if it could fire at any time.



Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.



Keep firearms unloaded when they are not in use.

30% of gun owners keep their firearms loaded, but unlocked.



Only touch the trigger when you are ready to shoot. Otherwise, keep your fingers off the trigger.



Fire only when you know where your shot is going, what it will strike, and what's behind your target.



Don't put all your faith in the gun's safety - it could fail or disengage.



Use proper ammunition - it must exactly match the caliber or gauge of your gun.



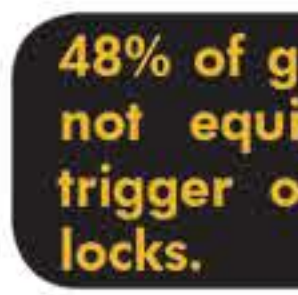
Handle your gun with care if it falls to fire when the trigger is pulled.



Check the chamber or magazine and the barrel before loading your gun.



Wear eye and ear protection when shooting.



48% of gun owners do not equip them with trigger or child safety locks.



Don't modify or alter your firearm. Have your gun serviced regularly.



Never use a firearm if you have consumed alcohol or taken drugs.



Learn all the mechanical and procedural details about your firearm.

Teach your children these steps if they come across an unattended firearm:

- Don't get closer to the firearm.
- Don't touch it.
- Leave the area and find an adult.

Educate and Prepare Children

- TV shows and movies can make children curious about guns.
- Provide them with the information they need, including the difference between fantasy and reality and the potential dangers.



Safe Storage, Safety Equipment, and Training are Paramount

- Store your firearms and ammunition in separate safes or lock boxes that are out of the reach of children.
- Keep the lockbox keys separate from house hold keys and in a safe location.
- Regularly check on firearms to confirm they have not been disturbed.
- Equip your firearms with safety locks and loaded chamber indicators. Check your safety equipment regularly to ensure that it is functioning properly.
- Utilize professional training programs for firearm education. Frequently, local police departments, gun stores, and NRA chapters will provide workshops and classes.

PREVENT A TRAGEDY WITH THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS!

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