

# General gun safety

***TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS A LOADED WEAPON!***

Everyone should know the rules!

**Always Keep the Gun Pointed in a Safe Direction.** Whether you are shooting or simply handling a gun, never point the muzzle at yourself or others. Common sense will tell you which direction is the safest. Generally, it is safest to point the gun either upward or toward the ground.

**Always Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger, until Ready to Shoot.** When handling a gun, people have a natural tendency to put their finger on the trigger. ***DON'T DO IT!***

**Always Keep the Gun Unloaded Until Ready to Use.** If you do not know how to check to see if a gun is unloaded, LEAVE IT ALONE and get help from someone who does know. Many accidents occur because someone thought a gun was unloaded. ***Keep all guns unloaded until ready to use.***

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