

Gun Safety Teachers Material

Fire Arms are NOT Toys!!!! (This includes BB Guns)

You are NEVER to touch, handle or shoot any gun (Including BB Guns) without the permission of your parent or guardian.

You are NEVER to handle ammunition without the permission of your parent or guardian.

Treat every gun as if it was loaded, always.

Parts of a gun:

1 – Muzzle – The muzzle is the business end of the gun. This is where the bullet or BB comes out of.

2 – Barrel – The long tube between the muzzle and the action is the barrel. The barrel provides accuracy for the bullet or BB and allows you the user to aim the gun.

3 – The Action / Breach – This is where the bullet or BB gets loaded into the gun.

4 – Stock – This is the part of the gun that rests up against your shoulder. When you are shooting you should never, ever move the stock off of your shoulder.

5 – Sights –

Iron – There are two iron sights on your gun, the front sight and the rear site. The front site is usually a red dot or ball near the end of the barrel just before the muzzle. The rear sight is usually a “U” shaped piece of metal. To line up the gun one puts the dot of the front site into the “U” of the rear site and then put the dot on the target you are shooting at.

Scope – BB guns usually do not have scopes on them but must other guns do. They make lining up the gun easy as all you have to do is center the cross hairs that are inside the scope on your target and you are done.

6 – Magazines – This is where the bullets or BBs are stored on or in the gun.

7 – Safety – This is a mechanical device that prevents the gun from firing. The Safety can fail.

The four basic rules of firearm safety:

Remembered using the "TAB-K" formula.

T = Treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Never assume a firearm is unloaded and never treat it that way, even if you watch as it is unloaded. Make it a habit to treat guns like they are loaded all the time.

A = Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. About one third of all hunting incidents are self inflicted injuries. That means the muzzle was pointed at some part of the hunter's body. A safe direction is a direction where the bullet will travel and harm no one in the event of an unwanted discharge. There are no accidental discharges with firearms, only unwanted discharges.

B = Be certain of your target and what's beyond it. Positive target identification is a must. To shoot at something you only think is a legal target is gambling. You must be absolutely certain that what you are shooting at is a legal target before you shoot. Otherwise, it's reckless behavior. In addition to identifying the target, a shooter must know that a safe backstop for their BB or bullet is present in every shooting situation. We don't always hit our target, and, in some cases, the bullet passes through the target. A safe backstop guarantees that no one will get hurt.

K = Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot. If a you stumble with a firearm in one hand and nothing in the other, whatever that person does with their free hand will automatically happen with the hand holding the gun. If a finger is inside the trigger guard, that hand is likely going to close around the pistol grip of the gun and on the trigger causing an unwanted discharge. If you have your finger inside the trigger guard and turn around to see something behind you the natural reaction is to grab the pistol grip of the gun and thus the trigger causing an unwanted discharge.

The 4 steps to shooting:

BASS:

Breath

Aim

Safety (off)

Shoot

Shooting Positions:

Prone:

1. **Lie on a mat that is canted slightly (about 45 degrees) towards the target**
2. **Place both elbows on the mat making sure the elbow under the forearm is directly underneath the forearm**
3. **Advise that the strong side leg should either be straight or cocked slightly**
4. **Rifle resting on the palm of the weak side hand**
5. **Cheek firmly against the stock**

Sitting:

1. **Sit on the mat canted slightly away from the target**
2. **Place both elbows on the inside of each knee respectively**
3. **Feet can be apart / or legs can be crossed. Right handed shooters have the left leg over the right and visa versa for left handed shooters**
4. **Rifle resting on the palm of the weak side hand**
5. **Cheek firmly against the stock**

Kneeling:

1. **Strong side knee placed on the mat with body slightly canted away from the target**
2. **Weak side foot placed flat on the ground in front of body**
3. **Weak side elbow (flat part) placed slightly forward of the knee-cap**
4. **Strong side elbow positioned for balance**
5. **Rifle resting on the palm of the weak side hand**
6. **Cheek firmly against the stock**

Standing:

1. **Body canted slightly away from the target**
2. **Feet about shoulder width apart**
3. **Weak side elbow underneath the forearm**
4. **Rifle resting on the palm of the weak side hand**
5. **Strong side elbow almost parallel with the ground**
6. **Buttstock firmly against the shoulder and slightly high in the shoulder pocket**
7. **Cheek firmly against the stock**

Operations test:

Understand and successfully operate the action on all types of firearms present.

- ⌚ **Demonstrate how to locate and work the safety on all firearms.**
- ⌚ **Understand that a safety is a mechanical device that can fail.**
- ⌚ **Explain where to look for the Gauge/Caliber of any given firearm.**
- ⌚ **Know what type of sight, if any, is on the firearm, and what type of sights there are.**
- ⌚ **Understand what types of magazines there are and what their firearm uses.**

Legal and Ethical

1 = Is it safe?

2 = Is it legal?

3 = Is it sporting?

4 = Is it ethical?

5 = Does it project a positive image?

If the answer to all 5 questions is yes then what you are doing is what you should be doing.

**If someone else is “playing with a gun”, get away from this person as fast as you can.
Children shoot other children when they are just playing with a gun, and children die.**

Range Rules:

“The Range Master is the authority at the range”

1 – Muzzles must be pointing down range at all times

2 – No one touches a gun during a “cease fire”

3 – Actions must be and stay open the entire time of a “Cease Fire”

4 – Shoot only at your target.

5 – Load only 1 BB at a time

6 – No talking on the range except to the Range Master or another adult