



# Hunting

## SafeTips from the Naval Safety Center

Quick and easy summaries to find out about something new you're doing or as a refresher for something you haven't done in a while. They're a great training tool to pass around at meetings, through e-mail, or post on bulletin boards.

- ◎ Take a firearms-safety course. The more you know, the better.
- ◎ Keep your firearms unloaded. Keep your gun in its case until you get to the hunting area.
- ◎ Assume every firearm is loaded, and don't take someone's word for it— check it yourself.
- ◎ Don't engage in horseplay with weapons.
- ◎ Never point a gun at something you don't intend to shoot. Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
- ◎ Keep the barrel clear.
- ◎ Use the right ammunition.
- ◎ Keep the safety on until just before you are ready to shoot. Immediately put it back on when you are finished.
- ◎ If you aren't positive about your target, don't shoot.
- ◎ Know what is on the other side of your target.
- ◎ If you pull the trigger and the gun doesn't fire, wait 45 seconds before removing the cartridge.
- ◎ Don't climb fences or trees, cross slippery areas, or jump ditches and creeks while carrying a loaded gun. Unload, then reload when you arrive.
- ◎ Carry handguns in holsters.
- ◎ Don't drink alcohol, and be especially careful when you get tired.

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