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Hunting Safety

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The fall and winter hunting seasons are quickly approaching, and hunters will soon be trekking through the woods searching for the perfect game. Hunting provides good fellowship with others and educational opportunities for youth, but as with many outdoor activities, it also poses potential safety risks.

Before hitting the trail this hunting season, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Check your equipment to make sure it is in peak operating condition.
- Only use a firearm that is registered and carry your permit/license with you when hunting.
- If using new equipment, make sure to test it in a safe location before heading into the woods.
- Always assume that a firearm is loaded.
- When not using your firearm, make sure the safety is on.
- Make sure you know what you are shooting at, before pulling the trigger.
- Remember to wear orange so you can be seen by other hunters.
- Never drink or use drugs when hunting.
- Look well beyond your target. If you miss your shot, pay attention to what may be in range of your ammunition.
- Always try to hunt with a friend.
- Make sure to follow all rules and regulations.

The ATSPA has some great outdoor activity resources, including our Activity Trackers. These trackers, which hang from a vehicle's rear view mirror, are a great way to record all the details of your trip. In the event of an emergency, rescue personnel can use the information on the tracker to limit their search area. For more information on the Activity Trackers, visit the store on our website at www.atspa.org.