



Hunting Safety Tips

Make safety the #1 priority!

Hunting Safety Tips:



Positively identify your target.

Be sure you're shooting at legal game. Never shoot at sounds or movement.



Plan your hunt.

Make sure someone knows where you're hunting and when you plan to return.



Stay in the zone.

Know your safe zone-of-fire and never shoot at game moving between you and someone else.



Keep fit.

Keep physically fit. Start with a check-up and follow your doctor's advice.

911

Stay found.

Become familiar with your hunting area and be prepared for emergencies.



Be seen.

Wear or display the required amount of fluorescent orange.

Think SMART About Firearm Safety:

Safe direction: Keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction at all times.

Make sure: Positively identify your target.

Always check: Know what's beyond your target before shooting.

Respect firearms: Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.

Trigger caution: Don't touch the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

STEPS to Tree Stand Safety:

Use the **STEPS** below to reduce your risk of falling from tree stands:

S - Safety harness or belt: Always wear a full-body safety harness whenever your feet leave the ground.

T - Tree stand maintenance: Check your stand for missing or broken parts before each use.

E - Evaluate your stand site: Select trees that are alive and will support your weight.

P - Partners and plans: Hunt with a partner and have a plan in case of emergency.

S - Signals: Carry a whistle or other signaling device should you need assistance.

Storing Firearms Responsibly:

- Unloaded firearms should be **stored when not in use** in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case inaccessible by children.
- **Ammunition should be stored in a locked location** separate from firearms.
- Thoroughly double check firearms to **confirm that they are unloaded** when you remove or return to storage.
- Use a **gun locking device** that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use.



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