



# Hunting Safety Tips

## Make Safety Your First Priority!

### Hunting Safety Tips:



#### **Positively identify your target.**

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



#### **Keep fit.**

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



#### **Plan your hunt.**

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

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#### **Stay found.**

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



#### **Stay in the zone.**

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



#### **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 in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case, inaccessible to 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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