



HUNTING SAFETY

Hunting is an enjoyable pastime for many Arkansans. Yet, each year many people are hurt and even killed while hunting. This can be prevented by following these simple rules.

10 Tips for Gun Safety

Treat each gun as if it is loaded.

Always know where the gun is pointed.

Unload guns when not in use.

Make sure the barrel is free of debris before you load the gun.

Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

Only point a gun at something you plan to shoot.

If you climb a stand, tree, fence or cross a ditch make sure all firearms are unloaded.

Flat/hard surfaces and water are unsafe to shoot at.

Guns and ammunition should be stored in separate places.

Hunt and target practice while sober.

Store firearms in locked cabinets separate from ammunition.

Basic Hunting Safety Tips

Complete a Hunters Safety Education class - IT'S THE LAW. Contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at (800) 364-4263 | (501) 223-6300. <http://www.agfc.com/education/pages/educationhunter.aspx>

DRESS TO BE SEEN AND STAY WARM

Follow hunter's orange rules - dress to fit the climate and length of time you will be exposed.

WHEN USING AN ATV

Always carry your gun unloaded and secured in a suitable gun case.

LOAD YOUR GUN AFTER YOU ARE IN PLACE

Keep your firearm unloaded until you are seated and secure in your hunting spot.

MAKE A PLAN BEFORE YOU HUNT

Minors should always be with an adult who has passed a hunters education class, and all members of the hunting party should be aware of each other's hunting site.

LET SOMEONE KNOW

An adult who is not going on the hunt should always know the place and time you are to return.