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AIR RIFLES



Learn and Practice these 10 Shooting Safety Rules

IMPORTANT! Read and follow these instructions before shooting your airgun.

LEARN LESSONS THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

When you learn to shoot your airgun safely, you'll learn valuable character traits such as discipline, patience, self-control, and responsibility... lessons that will help you enjoy a lifetime in the shooting sports. Read, know and practice the Ten Shooting Safety Rules listed below.

AIRGUNS ARE NOT TOYS.

You must carefully read and comply with the instructions in the Operation Manual that came with your airgun before you shoot it. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death. Airguns are real guns, not toys. Use only age appropriate airguns. You or others could be seriously injured or killed if these rules are not followed.

1. ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.

There are several safe "carries" depending on the situation. **NEVER ALLOW THE MUZZLE TO POINT IN THE DIRECTION OF A PERSON.**

2. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED.

You can never be positive that you were the last person to handle the gun. Never take anyone's word about whether or not a gun is loaded. Always check a gun to see if it is loaded when removed from storage or received from another person. Even if you have fired an airgun one or more times and no pellet or BB was expelled from the barrel, it does not mean that the magazine of the gun is empty of ammunition. Any airgun can fail to feed for any number of reasons. Continue to treat the airgun as loaded and ready to fire. **ALWAYS TREAT A GUN AS IF IT IS LOADED EVEN IF YOU KNOW IT ISN'T.**

3. ONLY LOAD OR COCK A GUN WHEN YOU ARE SHOOTING.

A loaded gun has no place in your home or other public place.

4. CHECK YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND YOUR TARGET.

Be sure all persons are well clear of the target area before you shoot. Check behind and beyond your target to be certain you have a safe backstop and that no person or property could be endangered.

5. ANYONE SHOOTING OR NEAR A SHOOTER SHOULD WEAR SHOOTING GLASSES.

Also, all other persons should remain behind the shooter.

6. NEVER CLIMB OR JUMP WITH A GUN.

You can't control the direction of the muzzle if you stumble or fall. You should safely lay the gun down or hand it to a companion while you climb or jump over anything.

7. AVOID RICOCHET.

Never shoot at a flat hard surface or at the surface of water. Ammunition can ricochet off of water just like a skipped rock.

8. KEEP THE MUZZLE CLEAR.

Never let anything obstruct the muzzle of a gun. Don't allow the muzzle to come in contact with the ground.

9. GUNS NOT IN USE SHOULD ALWAYS BE UNLOADED.

Keeping guns unloaded when not in use is critical to the safety of you and others. When you are finished shooting, put the trigger safety in the "on" position and unload the gun. Store guns so that they are inaccessible to untrained shooters and store ammunition separately from the gun.

10. RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY.

Whether you're target shooting or hunting, if you're a guest on others' land, you should leave it exactly as you found it.

We encourage you to post these rules in a conspicuous place, review them with an adult before shooting, and refer to them often. **PARENTS:** Make sure your children know these safety rules and provide supervision when they use any airgun.