**10 RULES OF SAFE GUN HANDLING**

1. **Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction**
2. **Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use**
3. **Don’t rely on your gun’s “safety”**
4. **Be sure of your target and what’s beyond it**
5. **Use correct ammunition**
6. **If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care!**
7. **Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting**
8. **Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting**
9. **Don’t alter or modify your gun, and have guns serviced regularly**
10. **Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using**

*Source: Firearm Industry Trade Association*

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**Let’s Keep Our Forest Healthy**

Contact your local DNR office to learn how you can help.

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DNR’s number one priority is safety. These seven safety guidelines will continue to keep all recreationists safe throughout the forest. We appreciate your help in creating an inclusive and safe outdoors for all.

7 Simple Steps to Shooting Safely

1. USE EARTHEN BACKSTOP
   Target shooting is allowed only in areas with an unobstructed backstop that can safely stop all projectiles and debris.

2. NO EXPLODING TARGETS. NO TRACER OR ARMOR-PIERCINGammunition
   Exploding targets are not allowed on DNR-managed lands. Always be aware of the fire danger in the area.

3. TARGET SHOOTING HOURS ARE DAWN TO DUSK
   Unless otherwise posted, target shooting is not allowed 30 min. after sunset or 30 min. before sunrise.

4. HOW CLOSE ARE YOU TO A RECREATION SITE?
   No shooting within 500 feet of a recreation site or structure. No shooting from across, along, or down roads and trails.

5. USE MANUFACTURED TARGETS ONLY
   Other kinds of targets leave debris that can be difficult to clean and cause damage to the ecosystem.

6. LEAVE NO TRACE
   Pack out what you pack in. This includes packing out all shells, brass, paper and other debris. Most sites don’t have regular garbage service.

7. OBEY ALL SIGNAGE
   Some areas are posted as “No Shooting” to ensure public safety. Follow all posted signage and know where you are allowed to shoot and what areas are closed to shooting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TARGET SHOOTING & RULES, VISIT DNR.WA.GOV/TARGETSHOOTING

WHAT MAY BE USED AS A TARGET?
Manufactured targets, either from a commercial manufacturer or manufactured by a person, are the only targets allowed. Other items that are not allowed as targets include trees, gates, vehicles, appliances, furniture or garbage of any kind.

FIREARMS AND TARGET SHOOTING REGULATIONS: WAC 332.52.145

SOUND TRAVELS FAR
Respect your neighbors and target shooting hours.