



#### **Let's Keep Our Forest Healthy**

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

# LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE TARGET SHOOTING SAFE AND ENJOYABLE TO EVERYONE.

# 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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# Stay Safe While Target Shooting

**General Guidelines** 



#### **WHAT IF I WANT TO HUNT?**

Hunting is regulated by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife wdfw.wa.gov/hunting

## DISCOVER PASS REQUIRED

discoverpass.wa.gov



#### **QUESTIONS?**

Send an email to: targetshooting@dnr.wa.gov

#### **STAY INFORMED**

Subscribe to our e-mail notification list at: dnr.wa.gov/targetshooting



# 7 Simple Steps to Shooting Safely

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.



**Exploding targets are not allowed on** DNR-managed lands. Always be aware of the fire danger in the area.

**AMMUNITION** 



TARGET SHOOTING HOURS ARE DAWN TO DUSK Unless otherwise posted, target shooting is not allowed 30 min. after sunset or 30 min. before sunrise. 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. **USE MANUFACTURED** TARGETS ONLY Other kinds of targets leave

debris that can be difficult to clean and cause damage to the ecosystem.

**USE EARTHEN BACKSTOP** 

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



**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.



**NARNING** 

**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.

#### 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.