

Montana Ag Safety Program



Firearm Safety

Firearms are a useful and necessary tool on farms and ranches. Use of these tools comes with significant responsibility.

1. ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.
2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
3. ALWAYS keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use.

- Think first. Shoot second.
- Know your target and what is beyond. Be sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt and are aware of the area beyond the target.
- Ensure you are familiar with the firearm and safe operation.
- NEVER rely on the firearm's mechanical safety.
- Before operation, make sure the firearm is safe for use. Regular maintenance is important for ensuring safe operation. Follow appropriate cleaning procedures.
- Choose the correct firearm for the task. Use only the correct ammunition.
- Wear appropriate eye and ear protection.
- Store all firearms to prevent unauthorized access. Ideally, all firearms and ammunition should be stored in locked cabinets separate from each other.
 - Consider the use of individual firearm locks and clear bore indicators for firearms that receive frequent use and may not be returned to storage after each use.

These safety rules have been written and provided to you for your safety. Your signature below indicates you have read and understand these rules, and further, that you accept the responsibility of always using good judgment to make workplace safety your number one priority.

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