

## CARRYING FIREARMS

Carrying a firearm can be dangerous and puts great responsibility on the person in possession of the firearm. Carrying or handling a firearm makes it more difficult to maintain control over the muzzle and makes it more likely the firearm may be dropped or bumped, resulting in the firearm discharging. There are advantages and disadvantages to various methods of carrying any firearm. Educate yourself and choose what is best for you and those around you.

In almost all circumstances it is safest to carry a handgun in a holster designed for that specific handgun. Carrying a handgun in a pocket or waistband is always a last choice. Carry any handgun in a holster that fits the firearm and will prevent it from accidentally falling and will prevent you from losing control of the muzzle.

Except in rare circumstances where there is good reason to believe there is an impending threat requiring an immediate response, carry a pistol with a full magazine and an empty chamber. If the chamber is empty, the pistol cannot fire.

### • WARNING •

Do not carry your firearm in any way that might let it fall or be bumped. If a firearm falls, or is bumped, it may fire.

*READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING YOUR FIREARM*

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- 1 Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.**
- 2 Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
- 3 Never trust any safety mechanism.**

*FAILURE TO DO ANY OF THESE CAN RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.*

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## TRIGGER DISCIPLINE

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If you maintain good trigger discipline, it is extremely unlikely the firearm will discharge. Even if the firearm discharges, if the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction, no one will be injured. If you adopt the attitude that you will not trust any safety mechanism, you will be vigilant about keeping your finger off the trigger and keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

### • WARNING •

When a firearm discharges, the bullet or shot can strike a person resulting in death or serious bodily injury.

## FIREARMS STORAGE AND GUN LOCKS

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How you secure your firearms is a personal choice based on the unique circumstances in your home, business or vehicle. Any choice you make about securing your firearms will present advantages and disadvantages. It is up to you to weigh those advantages and disadvantages and choose what is best for you and those around you.



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### • WARNING •

Never lock a loaded firearm. Unlocking a loaded firearm makes it more difficult to maintain trigger discipline and to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

### • WARNING •

Securing your firearm may inhibit access to it in a defensive situation and result in injury or death.

### • WARNING •

Failure to secure a firearm may result in injury or death. Properly securing a firearm means storing your firearm unloaded, decocked and securely locked, with ammunition in a separate location.