

FIREARM SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

AIRGUNS AND BOTTLES.

SAFETY.

Safety with any type of firearm is everyone's responsibility. The following rules **MUST** be obeyed at all times.

- 1. NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYONE.**
- 2. ALWAYS TREAT A GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED.**

HANDLING GUNS.

1. When you get out your gun, check that it is unloaded and that it is not cocked.
2. Show that the gun is unloaded before handing it to another person.
3. When you put away your gun, always check it is unloaded and not cocked.
4. Never put away a loaded gun.
5. When you are given a gun, first check it is unloaded and not cocked. If you do not know how to do this, ask the owner to instruct you in its operation.
6. Never pick up a gun without the permission of the owner.

IT IS BETTER TO CHECK THAT A GUN IS UNLOADED 100 TIMES, THAN TO FIND OUT THAT FAILURE TO CHECK ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH.

OPERATING THE GUN

1. Keep the gun pointing downrange at all times during use.
2. Load the gun whilst it is pointing downrange.
3. If you are using a break-back or underlever rifle where the breech could snap shut on your fingers, keep hold of the barrel or cocking lever when inserting the pellet.

MOVING AROUND WITH GUNS.

1. Never move between lanes with a loaded gun.
2. When moving between lanes, open the breech and remove any magazine from the rifle.
3. When carrying a gun:
 - a. It must not be cocked.
 - b. The breech must be open.
 - c. The magazine removed.
 - d. The gun is carried vertically.
4. Keep your gun in a case when not in use.

RANGE COMMANDS

1. If you hear a single note on a whistle or the command '**STOP**', stop shooting immediately.
2. Obey any instructions from range officials immediately.
3. Never go forward of the firing line without the permission of the range officials.

GENERAL.

1. Do not rely on safety catches to keep your companions safe.
2. Do not attract people's attention when they are shooting as it may cause them to turn round.
3. Observe the usual safety rules when dry firing.
 - a. Only dry fire when the gun is pointing downrange.

SAFETY WITH COMPRESSED AIR

Many modern air rifles use compressed air as a power source. It provides for convenient and effortless shooting, but we must never underestimate the amount of energy that is stored up inside a cylinder.

A compressed air cylinder is a potential bomb if handled incorrectly.

1. Make sure the bottle is in test.
2. Do not get oil or grease in the high pressure system.
3. Store bottles away from sources of heat.
4. Do not drop bottles and avoid hard knocks to the cylinder or decanting set.
5. Always check the charge pressure of unknown bottles.
6. Avoid contact between skin and high pressure air.
7. Do not use any bottle or fittings that appear to be damaged.
8. When tightening bottle fittings, use a minimum of pressure. Hand tight is generally enough.
9. When using buddy bottles or other removable cylinders, never stand in front of the bottle as it is charged.
10. Always keep control of buddy bottles and hoses when charging.
11. Do not look directly at gauges when filling cylinders.
12. Always charge your gun slowly. i.e.: Do not open the air valve fully immediately.

SAFETY WITH CO2 CARTRIDGES

CO2 cartridges provide a convenient power source for modern rifles and pistols. However, they require special care in operation in addition to the normal safety rules.

In the club room.

1. Do not load magazines in the club room.
2. Do not install CO2 cartridges in the club room.

On the firing point.

1. When installing the CO2 capsule, the gun must be pointing downrange.
2. When fitting the magazine, the gun must be pointing downrange.
3. When exhausting spent CO2 capsules, the gun must point downrange.
4. Take care when handling exhausted CO2 capsules as they can become very cold.

Before leaving the firing point.

1. Remove the magazine and make sure it is empty.
2. Put the gun in its case.

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