

Firearms safety is up to you

- Once a gun fires, you have given up all control over where the shot will go or what it will strike so don't shoot unless you know exactly what your shot is going to strike.
- Firing at movement or a noise without being absolutely certain of what you are shooting at constitutes a complete disregard for the safety of others. No target is so important that you cannot take time before you pull the trigger and be absolutely sure of where your shot will stop.
- Keep in mind how far a bullet will travel if it misses your intended target or ricochets in another direction. Be sure your bullet will not injure anyone or damage anything beyond your target.
- Use approved shooting ranges, like the **Lethbridge Fish and Game Association's - Shooting Sports Facility**, where they position targets so that the bullets are safely captured by a dirt berm and coulée wall behind all the targets. If you are unable to use an approved shooting range, try and replicate that safety system wherever you are dis-charging firearms.

For more information about firearms safety or to register for safety courses contact the Southern Alberta Firearms Education Society at www.safesociety.info

FROM THE TIME YOU PICK UP A FIREARM, YOU BECOME PART OF A SYSTEM OVER WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL. YOU ARE THE ONLY PART OF THE SYSTEM THAT CAN MAKE A FIREARM SAFE — OR UNSAFE.

DON'T BE TIMID WHEN IT COMES TO FIREARM SAFETY.

IF YOU OBSERVE ANYONE VIOLATING ANY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INSIST ON SAFER HANDLING PRACTICES.

DEVELOP SAFE SHOOTING HABITS, AND REMEMBER, FIREARMS SAFETY IS UP TO YOU.



Lethbridge Police Service supports safe handling, use and storage of all firearms.



Southern Alberta Firearms Education Society
S.A.F.E. - Education for safe firearm experiences

As a firearms owner, you are responsible for knowing how to properly handle, discharge and secure your firearm in a safe manner in our community.

This brochure will help you recognize the ballistic potential of firearms and assist you in being a responsible representative of the many thousands of firearms enthusiasts and hunters in our community.



Did you know?

The bullet leaving **your** rifle may be dangerous for more than four kilometers - make sure of what is beyond **your** target .

Licence and registration. . .

FIREARMS LICENCES:

There are currently three types of firearms licences for individuals in Canada:

Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL): allows the licence holder to possess and acquire firearms and ammunition.

Possession Only Licence (POL): allows the licence holder to possess, but not acquire firearms, and to both possess and acquire ammunition.

Minor's Licence: the only licence available to individuals under 18 years of age. It allows the licence holder to use non-restricted firearms for specific activities such as hunting or target practice.

FIREARMS REGISTRATION:

To be able to register a firearm you need a firearms licence that is valid for the class of firearm you possess. The firearm will also need to be verified by an approved verifier if it has not been verified. Once you have a licence you can apply online to register your firearm. For more information visit the Canadian Firearms Centre:

www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/

ACT

Assume every firearm is loaded

Control the muzzle direction

Trigger finger is off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.

PROVE

Point the firearm in the safest available direction down range and level with the ground at all times.

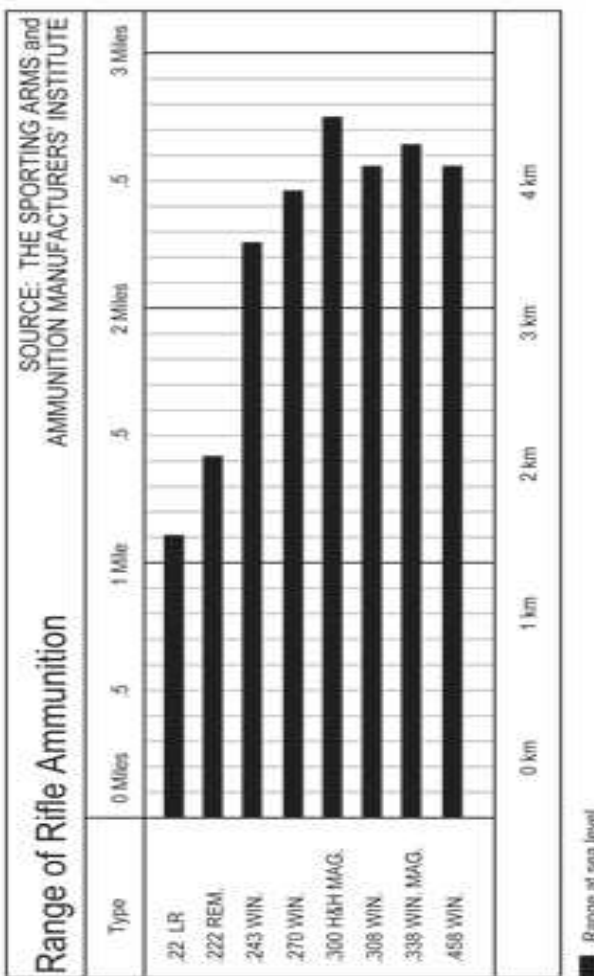
Remove all cartridges

Observe the chamber

Verify the feeding path

Examine the bore

Store your firearms safely! Make sure firearms are unloaded and locked.



REMEMBER: There is no calling a bullet back once it has been fired!