

# Zenith Firearms

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As a responsible firearms supplier, Zenith believes that no issue is more important than firearm safety. We urge you to learn and practice the following guidelines and to make them your habit when handling firearms. This will help ensure safe handling of your firearm(s) and help prevent accidents. We also encourage you to complete an approved firearms safety-training course.

## THE 3 CARDINAL FIREARMS SAFETY RULES

### **1. Always Handle a Firearm as if it is Loaded**

Even if you determine that a firearm is unloaded, always, always, always handle it like it IS loaded. When you handle a firearm, the first thing you should do (with the firearm pointed in a safe direction), is open the action to identify whether the firearm is loaded. If you do not know how to open the action, do not handle the firearm. And remember, removing a magazine alone does not make a firearm unloaded, as there may be a round in the chamber.

### **2. Always Keep Your Finger Out of the Trigger Guard and Off the Trigger Until You Are Ready to Shoot Your Target**

Do not place your finger inside the trigger guard until you have placed a firearm's sights on your target and have decided to fire. The best place to rest your finger in the meantime is above the trigger guard along the frame. By waiting until you are aimed at your target, if the trigger were to be pressed, you will guarantee that a shot will travel safely in the direction of your intended target.

### **3. Always Keep a Firearm Pointed in a Safe Direction, Before and Beyond your Target**

It is important to identify your actual target, but it is just as important to know what lies past and before your target. A safe direction is any direction where an unintentional discharge will not cause injury or damage. In determining a safe direction, remember that a round can ricochet off an object or go through walls, floors, ceilings, and windows. Whether in a house or outdoors, the safest direction is the muzzle angled down toward the floor. And never point at or cross the muzzle of a firearm (loaded or unloaded) at any part of any person's body—the laser rule!

## ADDITIONAL SAFE AND PROPER HANDLING AND STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION RULES

### **Always Keep Children and Others Safe By Storing Firearms Secure and Away From Unauthorized Persons**

You should always store firearms and ammunition out of the sight and reach of children and anyone else who is not an intended user or not physically or mentally capable of handling and using them properly and safely. Store firearms in a safe storage place – ideally, one you can lock.

### **Carefully Read the Entire Instruction Manual That Comes With Your Firearm**

You should only use a firearm if you fully understand how to safely operate it. All firearms come with an instruction manual created by the manufacturer. If the firearm does not come with an instruction manual, contact the manufacturer directly and request one.

### **Always Determine That the Firearm is Safe to Operate**

Before shooting, make sure the firearm is in good working order, that the barrel is clear, and that the firearm is safe to operate. This is especially important when handling a firearm that has been stored or unused for a long period of time.

### **Always Use Correct Ammunition**

Never use improper or incorrect ammunition. Only use ammunition recommended by the firearm manufacturer that is for the caliber of your firearm. Most firearms have the caliber engraved or stamped on the barrel. Your ammunition should have the exact same caliber. If you use the incorrect ammunition, it can destroy a firearm and cause serious injury.

### **When Cleaning a Firearm, Make Sure it is Not Loaded**

One of the most common statements following an accidental discharge is: "I was cleaning the gun and it went off!" When you clean a firearm, make sure it is not loaded. You should keep the ammunition in another room until you have finished cleaning the firearm and are ready to reload.

### **Never Use Firearms While Using Drugs or Alcohol**

When you handle firearms, your judgment must NOT be impaired. You should NEVER handle firearms while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or while using legal prescription medication that can make you tired or affect your senses, reflexes, or judgment.

### **Use Eye and Ear Protection**

Always wear proper eye and ear protection while shooting firearms; ear protection will help prevent hearing loss from the extreme decibel level of gunfire, and eye protection will help prevent ejection gases, ricocheted objects, casings, or any foreign objects from damaging your eyes. Be smart, be safe.