1. **TREAT EVERY GUN WITH THE RESPECT DUE A LOADED GUN. THIS IS THE CARDINAL RULE OF GUN SAFETY.**

2. Carry only empty guns—taken down or with the action open—into automobile, camp or home.

3. Always be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions, and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the gun you are carrying.

4. Always carry your gun so that you control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble. Keep safety on until you are ready to shoot.

5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.

6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot—whether loaded or empty.

7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first. Store guns and ammunition separately beyond reach of children or careless adults.

8. Never climb a tree or fence or jump over a ditch while holding a loaded gun. Never pull gun to you by the muzzle.

9. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.

10. Avoid any mind altering drugs or alcoholic drinks before or during shooting.