

# Gun and Fire Safety



Gun safety and Fire safety are two of the most important things to remember and be aware of inside AND outside of the home! Good safety habits are very important but what's most important is knowing the correct safety practices. Gun safety is when you follow specific rules and recommendations. These are safety steps that help prevent accidental or negligent (careless) discharge of a firearm. They also eliminate or minimize the risks of unintentional death, injury or property damage caused by incorrect possession, storage or handling of guns. Fire safety is when you follow steps for preventing or reducing injury and loss of life or property by fire. The practices you will read about are very simple and easy to remember! And it may someday save you are someone you love.

## **GUN SAFETY**

There are multiple reasons people use guns, but no matter the use, the end results are all the same: **DESTRUCTION**. When you fire a gun it can and will destroy whatever it hits. This is why practicing **GUN SAFETY** is very, very important! Gun safety should always be practiced and there are a few places outside the home that you should definitely practice gun safety. But first let's talk about inside or at your home. **Safe storage**. All guns in your home should be **locked and unloaded, with ammunition locked separately**. Make sure children and teens can't access the keys or combinations to lock boxes or gun safes. And remember not to keep loaded, unlocked guns in the car, either. Now let's take a look at gun safety outside of the home. Listed below are 12 key rules to follow no matter where you are using a gun.

# THE 12 GOLDEN RULES FOR SAFE GUN HANDLING

1. Always treat your gun as loaded.
2. Always keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.
3. Always keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
4. Always keep your gun unloaded until you are ready to use it.
5. Never point your gun at anything you don't intend to destroy.
6. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
7. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the gun you are using.
8. Always use proper Ammunition.
9. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions/debris before loading and shooting.
10. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, hold your shooting position for several seconds; then with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction, preferably at the ground, carefully unload the gun.
11. Don't rely on the gun's safety to keep it from firing.
12. Be aware of your surroundings when handling guns so you don't trip or lose your balance and accidentally point and/or fire the gun at anyone or anything.

Now that we know the basics on gun safety let's take a look at some places to take care with firearm safety.

- Firing Range
- Hunting



## The Range

1. Follow the 12 golden rules.
2. Know and follow all the rules of the Shooting Range.
3. Listen and do what the Range Master tells you to do.
4. Uncase and case your gun at the shooting bench, never behind the safety line.
5. Always keep the barrel pointed down range.
6. Always keep the gun on safe until you intend to shoot.
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.
8. Never shoot at water or hard surfaces.

# Hunting

1. Follow the 12 golden rules.
2. When hunting in a group, always pick one person to act as a Safety Officer for the Day or Trip.
3. Establish and share everyone's zone of fire with each other and know where everyone is at all times.
4. Always keep the gun on safe until you intend to shoot.
5. Never climb over anything with a loaded gun in your hand or on your person.
6. Never use a scope on a gun as Binoculars.
7. If you fall or trip, control your muzzle. Afterward, making sure your gun is on safe, check the gun for damage and/or obstructions in the barrel.
8. When in Doubt; Don't shoot.



# Gun Safety

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If you find a gun,  
don't touch the gun!



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## If you find a gun

- Stop what you are doing.
- Don't touch the gun.
- Leave the area immediately
- Tell an adult.

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# FIRE SAFETY

Each year thousands of homes catch fire due to some things that if observed beforehand and taken care of, a fire would not happen. People die from smoke inhalation due to panic or not knowing what to do. Prevention is a life saver.

## Rules to remember:



- If you smell smoke there is likely a fire.



- If you have smoke alarms, make sure the batteries are replaced yearly. Pick a day that you will remember to do so and write it on a calendar.



- Have a safe place to meet where you can go and wait for the family. Knowing your route and practicing it will help you to react instinctively and use that route. In fact practice two ways out, giving you a choice. **Hiding in a closet or under the bed will not save you.** It's time to act.



- If your door is closed and you smell smoke, and there is smoke coming from under or over the door frame: **DO NOT OPEN IT!** If you have to make sure you use the back of your hand to feel the door and knob before doing so. **If the knob is hot find another way to go.**



**Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go!**

- If you need to get out and there is smoke do not run through it, crawl under it. Remember smoke will kill you and blinds you in your efforts to see through it.



- If you have a cell phone with you call 911. **NEVER** go back into the building. If someone is still in the house direct firemen to where the room is that you know they occupy.

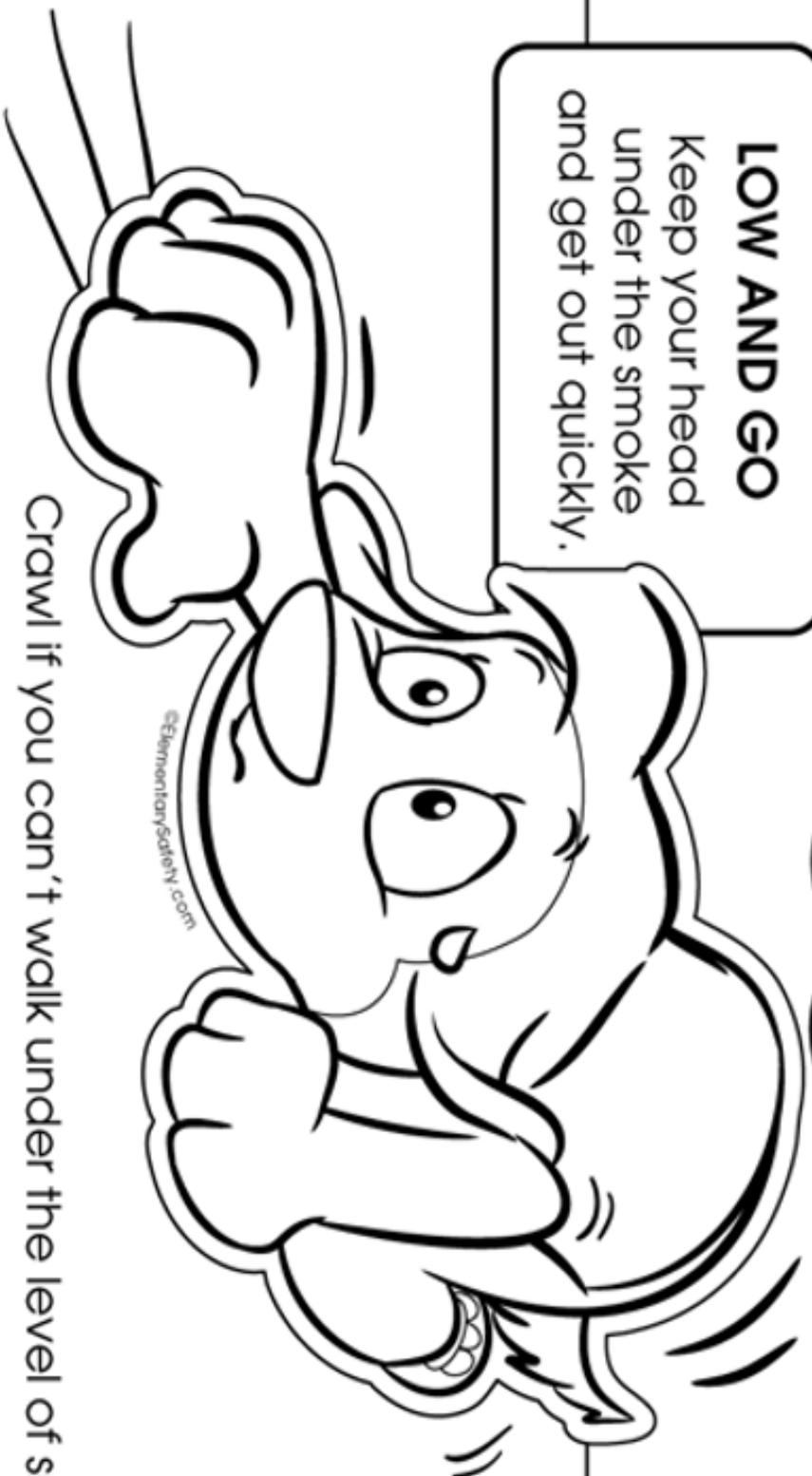
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## **LOW AND GO**

Keep your head  
under the smoke  
and get out quickly.



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Crawl if you can't walk under the level of smoke.

# FIRE SAFETY

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If your clothes catch fire:

**STOP DROP AND ROLL**



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## HAVE A MEETING PLACE

Arrange a safe place where everyone will meet in case of a fire.

