

**Introduction to
Firearms
(know your equipment)**

What is a firearm?

● A firearm is a mechanical device that uses pressure from a burning powder to force a projectile through and out of a metal tube. To appreciate fully the importance of firearm safety, you first must understand how firearms work. This includes knowing the parts of the firearm and the types of ammunition used for hunting.

**Basic parts of a
Firearm**

● Although firearms have changed a great deal since they were first invented, the terms used for their parts have changed very little. All modern firearms have three basic groups of parts:

**Action
Stock
Barrel**

ACTION

- The action is the heart of the firearm. The moving parts that load, fire, and eject the shells or cartridges
- Several type of actions are used in modern firearms.

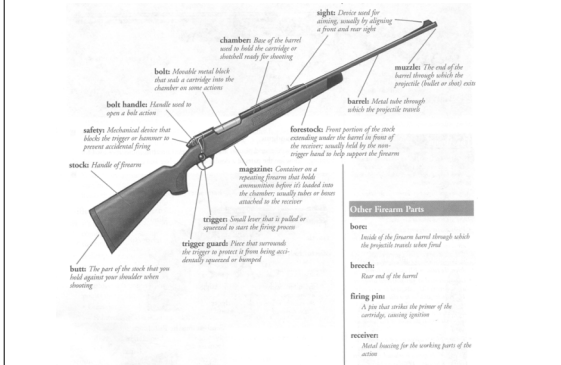
STOCK

- The stock serves as the handle of the firearm
- It can be composed of one or two pieces and is usually made of wood or a synthetic material

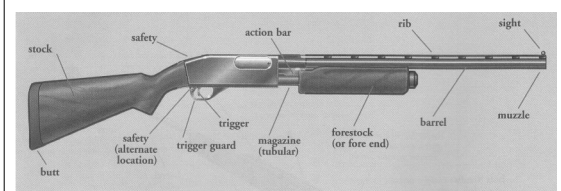
BARREL

- The barrel is the metal tube that the projectile travels through
- Bullets travel through the barrel of rifles and handguns; shot travels through the barrel of shotguns

Parts of a bolt action rifle



Parts of a pump-action shotgun



Parts of a Handgun

