

# 4 main causes of hunting incidents

## 1. Hunter's lack of good judgement

- victim moved in line of fire
- victim covered by shooter swinging on game
- victim out of sight of shooter
- victim mistaken for game

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## 2. Violations of Law or Safety Rules - lack of preparation and common sense

- improper crossing of difficult terrain
- riding in vehicle with loaded firearms
- firearm falling from secure rest
- horseplay

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## 3. Skill and Aptitude-lack of care and control

- trigger caught on object
- loading or unloading firearm or bow
- shooter stumbling or falling

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## 4. Mechanical failure-lack of preparation and examination

- obstructed barrel or improper ammunition
- defective ammunition/arrows
- defective firearm/bow

# HUNTER SAFETY

Know the **Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety**

1. Always point muzzle in a safe direction
2. Treat ever firearm or bow with the same respect you would show a loaded gun or knocked arrow
3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond your target
4. Unload firearms and unstring recurve and long bows when not in use

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5. Handle firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully
6. Know your safe zone of fire and stick to it
7. Control your emotions when it comes to safety
8. Wear hearing and eye protection
9. Don't drink alcoholic beverages or take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows
10. Be aware of additional circumstances which require added caution or safety awareness