

SAFETY FIRST

Pheasant hunting is enjoyable but requires responsibility. While it is generally safe, it can become dangerous if firearm safety guidelines are not followed.

Hunters of all ages must complete a state-required hunter safety course. While pheasant hunting is exciting, it always prioritizes firearm safety. Review gun safety basics before each season.

- Keep the muzzle pointed safely.
- Unload firearms when not in use.
- Treat all guns as if they're loaded; don't rely on the safety.
- Know your targets and what's beyond them.
- Use proper ammunition.
- Handle misfires carefully.
- Wear eye and ear protection.
- Ensure the barrel is unobstructed.
- Do not modify your gun; understand its mechanics and handling.

All hunters in the field should adhere to a personal code of ethics. Hunters may encounter situations within hunting regulations but challenging ethical hunting boundaries. The actions of one hunter can influence how others perceive the sport of hunting.