

# Firearms safety is up to you

- Once a gun fires, you have given up all control over where the shot will go or what it will strike so don't shoot unless you know exactly what your shot is going to strike.
- Firing at movement or a noise without being absolutely certain of what you are shooting at constitutes a complete disregard for the safety of others. No target is so important that you cannot take time before you pull the trigger and be absolutely sure of where your shot will stop.
- Keep in mind how far a bullet will travel if it misses your intended target or ricochets in another direction. Be sure your bullet will not injure anyone or damage anything beyond your target.
- Approved shooting ranges, like the Lethbridge Fish and Game Shooting Range, position targets so that the bullets are safely captured by a dirt berm behind the target. If you are unable to use an approved shooting range, try and replicate that safety system wherever you are discharging firearms.

For more information about firearms safety or to register for safety courses contact the Southern Alberta Firearms Education Society  
[www.safesociety.info](http://www.safesociety.info)

**FROM THE TIME YOU PICK UP A FIREARM, YOU BECOME PART OF A SYSTEM OVER WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL. YOU ARE THE ONLY PART OF THE SYSTEM THAT CAN MAKE A FIREARM SAFE — OR UNSAFE.**

**DON'T BE TIMID WHEN IT COMES TO FIREARM SAFETY.**

**IF YOU OBSERVE ANYONE VIOLATING ANY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INSIST ON SAFER HANDLING PRACTICES.**

**DEVELOP SAFE SHOOTING HABITS, AND REMEMBER, FIREARMS SAFETY IS UP TO YOU.**



*Lethbridge Regional Police and RCMP support safe handling, use and storage of all firearms.*



**Southern Alberta Firearms Education Society**  
*S.A.F.E. - Education for safe firearm experiences*

As a firearms owner, you are responsible for knowing how to properly handle, discharge and secure your firearm in a safe manner in our community.

This brochure will help you recognize the ballistic potential of firearms and assist you in being a responsible representative of the many thousands of firearms enthusiasts and hunters in our community.



SKS 7.62 \* 39—effective to around 50 meters  
Dangerous to 3400 meters.

## Did you know?

The bullet leaving your rifle may be dangerous for more than four kilometers - make sure of what is beyond your target .

## Licences and registration. .

### FIREARMS LICENCES

There are currently three types of firearms licences for individuals in Canada:

Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL): allows the licence holder to possess and acquire firearms and ammunition.

Possession Only Licence (POL): allows the licence holder to possess, but not acquire firearms, and to both possess and acquire ammunition.

Minor's Licence: the only licence available to individuals under 18 years of age. It allows the licence holder to use non-restricted firearms for specific activities such as hunting or target practice.

### FIREARMS REGISTRATION

To be able to register a firearm you need a firearms licence that is valid for the class of firearm you possess. The firearm will also need to be verified by an approved verifier if it has not been verified. Once you have a licence you can apply online to register your firearm. For more information visit the Canadian Firearms Centre:

[www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/)



**ACT**

**A**ssume every firearm is loaded

**C**ontrol the muzzle direction

**T**rigger finger is off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.



**PROVE**

**P**oint the firearm in the safest available direction - down range and level with the ground - at all times.

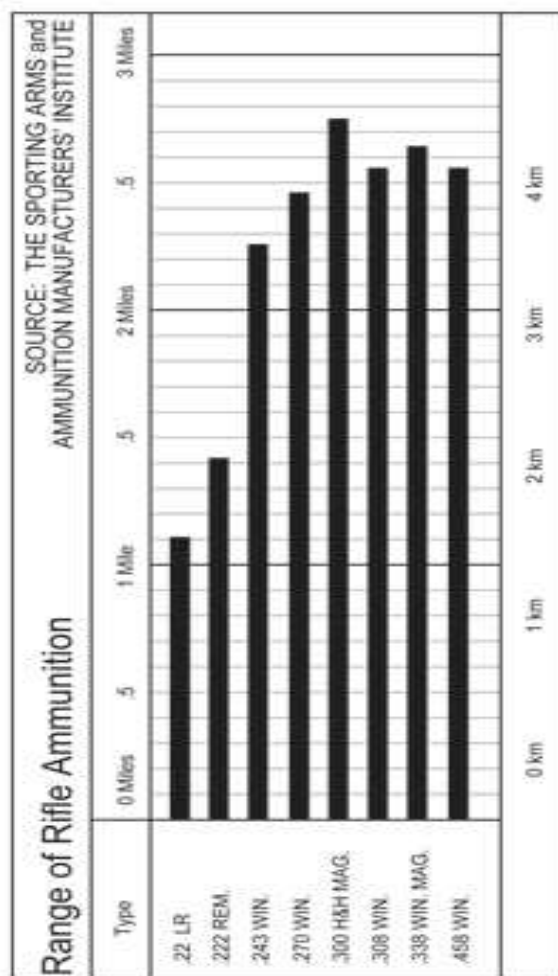
**R**emove all cartridges

**O**bserve the chamber

**V**erify the feeding path

**E**xamine the bore

**Store your firearms safely! Make sure firearms are unloaded and locked.**



**FYI: There is no calling a bullet back once it has been fired!**