

## SAFETY NOT JUST FOR BEGINNERS

- Regardless of your familiarity or experience with firearms, you need to always be safe around firearms.
- The safe handling of firearms requires specialized training, discipline and caution. Firearms, by their nature and intended function, are deadly instruments. Accidental death or serious injury can result if they are handled improperly or carelessly.
- Firearms rarely cause accidents. Firearms accidents almost always are caused by a failure to obey the basic rules of gun safety. Unfortunately, experienced shooters seem to violate these rules as frequently as beginners. Thus, the basics of safe firearms handling cannot be repeated too often.
- Read, re-read and practice the basic principles of firearms safety until they become second nature: habits that you don't forget.
- If you have any question about your knowledge or ability to use a firearm with complete safety, you should seek supervised instruction. Personalized instruction is often available from firearms dealers, gun clubs, or firing ranges.
- If none of these sources are accessible, contact the NHSA and we shall assist our MEMBERS!
- A person with a firearm in his possession has a full-time responsibility -he MUST KNOW how to keep and use his firearm safely and then MUST ALWAYS TAKE THE PRECAUTIONS necessary - all of them. He cannot guess; he cannot forget.
- **THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS HIS / HER'S ALONE. IT CANNOT BE PASSED OFF TO SOMEONE ELSE.**
- Remember: no firearm can be made accident-proof. A firearm is just a machine, with no judgment of its own. It responds to your actions, whether wise or foolish. The only truly effective safety device is the mind of a cautious shooter who never forgets that a moments carelessness can produce permanent tragedy.