

GunSmart – the NSW Firearms Safety Initiative

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What is GunSmart?

GunSmart is an advisory and awareness campaign developed by the NSW Police Force and Department of Primary Industries Game Licensing Unit to promote firearms safety to licensed firearms users.

The objective of the program is:

Firearms licence holders retain knowledge of firearms safety and practice firearms safety every time they handle a firearm.



The 8 fundamentals of firearms safety

The GunSmart program reinforces the basics of firearms safety to licence holders, with program material available at key locations. These locations include retail outlets and shooting ranges, and where firearms are handled, stored and transported.

The basic firearm safety principles have been distilled down to 8 firearms fundamentals that must be followed each and every time a firearm is handled.

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The 8 fundamentals of firearms safety

1. Treat every firearm as though it is loaded.
2. Always point a firearm in a safe direction.
3. Load a firearm only when ready to fire.
4. Identify your target beyond all doubt and what is beyond it.
5. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
6. Never rely on the firearms safety mechanism.
7. Store and transport firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
8. Never handle or use firearms when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

For more information on **GunSmart**, go to
www.police.nsw.gov.au or www.dpi.nsw.gov.au



Getting involved - firearms licence holders

All firearms licence holders in NSW must have a 'genuine reason' to possess and use firearms and they must complete a Police approved firearms safety training course before being granted a firearms licence. Safety training includes both a written and practical assessment of their knowledge of firearms operation and firearms safety.

GunSmart material has been developed to enhance this training by continuing to reinforce safety messaging to firearms licence holders well after they have obtained a licence.

This material is designed to prompt firearms licence holders at key locations where firearms

are handled most often, like shooting ranges, gun stores, gun safes and when hunting.

Specifically this material includes:

- A Firearms Safety Kit.
- Firearms chamber safety flags.
- Gun bag zipper key rings.
- Magnets and stickers for gun safes
- Posters for homes, firearms retail outlets and firing ranges.

To get involved, contact the DPI Game Licensing Unit on (02) 6391 3750 or visit the DPI website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting.



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Step by step guide to using a firearm safety flag



1 The firearm safety flag is made of soft plastic and will not damage the internal surfaces of your rifle.



2 With the bolt open, slide the firearm safety flag up into the breech.



3 The flag is in place, instantly and visibly making the firearm safe for both the user and other people in the vicinity.

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Getting involved - firearms and hunting retailers and shooting ranges

A GunSmart Range and Retail Kit is also available free of charge to firearms and hunting retailers and shooting ranges. This kit contains:

- A grab box of firearms chamber safety flags and gun bag zipper key rings.
- Magnets and stickers for gun safes.
- A GunSmart poster and sticker indicating that your location is a GunSmart location.

To get involved and obtain GunSmart material for your location contact the DPI Game Licensing Unit on 02 6391 3750 or visit the DPI website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting.



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More Information

For more information on GunSmart or licensed hunting in NSW, contact the DPI Game Licensing Unit on 02 6391 3750 or visit the DPI website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting.

For more information on firearms licensing and regulations contact the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562 or visit the NSW Police website www.police.nsw.gov.au/services/firearms

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