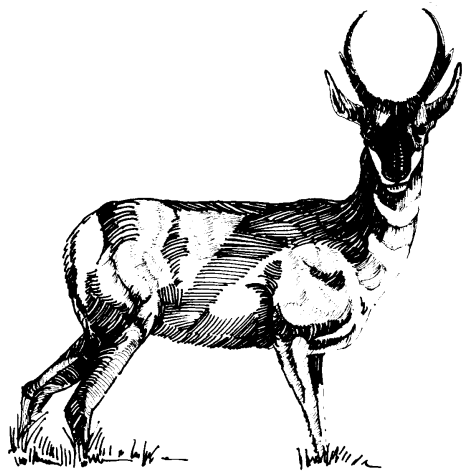


TEN COMMANDMENTS OF FIREARM SAFETY

1. Treat every gun as if it is loaded.
2. Control the gun muzzle at all times.
3. Store guns unloaded and with actions open.
4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that only the proper ammunition is carried with every gun in use.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger, and always know what lies beyond the target.
6. Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.
7. Never climb a fence or tree or cross a ditch or other obstacle with a loaded gun; and never pull a gun toward you by the muzzle.
8. Never shoot at water or a flat, hard surface; and always be sure your backstop is adequate.
9. Store guns and ammunition separately, out of reach of people who are unfamiliar with safe gun handling.
10. Never handle a firearm or operate a vehicle while you are affected by alcohol or drugs.



HOW DO I ENROLL?

Instructors advertise their classes in local newspapers, over radio, and on television, post fliers at sporting goods shops or announce them at schools. All courses are also listed on the Department website www.ksoutdoors.com.

Contact a Kansas Department Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) office for information about classes in your area. Pre-registration is required for many courses. Student manuals and other training materials are provided free of charge. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a certification card. Replacements for lost cards may be obtained for a fee from most KDWP offices, state parks and through the KDWP website.

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

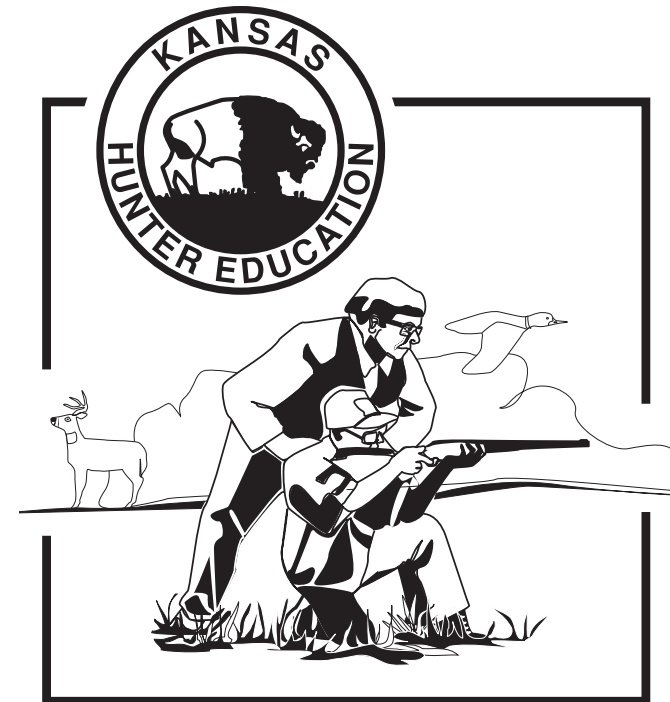
Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to:

- ☞ Respect the environment and wildlife.
- ☞ Respect property and landowners.
- ☞ Show consideration for nonhunters.
- ☞ Hunt safely.
- ☞ Know and obey the law.
- ☞ Support wildlife and habitat conservation.
- ☞ Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- ☞ Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- ☞ Hunt only with ethical hunters.

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HUNTER EDUCATION TEACHES RESPECT . . .

for the sport of hunting

By thorough preparation and by familiarizing yourself with your hunting equipment's characteristics and capabilities and by practicing to develop proficiency with that equipment.

for the resource

By supporting and understanding the work of wildlife biologists and resource managers and by participating in voluntary hunter surveys.

By matching gun and ammunition to the game.

By properly identifying game before the shot.

By supporting the use of non-toxic shot.

By using a bird dog to assist in the retrieval of downed game.

By harvesting only what can be used, and immediately field dressing and cooling game.

By defining real success by the pleasure of the experience, such as watching a dog work, companionship of fellow hunters, watching wildlife, not by the quantity of game bagged.

for the firearm

By ensuring the safe storage of all firearms and ammunition, unloaded, with the gun and shells stored separately.

By unloading firearms when not in use, climbing a fence, jumping a ditch, handling or passing to another, and transporting.

By controlling the muzzle at all times, never pointing a loaded or unloaded gun at anything except the intended target, never playing with a gun, and always treating it as though it is loaded.

for the law

By abiding by bag and possession limits, hunting laws and regulations.

By understanding and supporting the purpose of laws and regulations, protecting and conserving our resources, and promoting safety in the field.

for the Landowner

By acting as a guest and picking up all litter including spent shells.

By obtaining permission to hunt private property in advance, hunting only those areas where permission has been granted, and offering time and labor in return for access.

for yourself

By conducting yourself ethically and responsibly, to ensure the future of the sport.

By knowing where your hunting partners are at all times.

By using ear and eye protection.

By avoiding alcohol and mind-altering drugs (including many cold medications and aspirin) when handling firearms.

for the future of hunting

By acknowledging that hunting is a privilege, not a right.

By understanding that the non-hunting public's attitude toward hunting is influenced by how they view hunters' conduct.