

Range Safety for Trapshooting

1. Always keep the shotgun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Never assume a gun is unloaded. Always check the chambers and magazines of a gun for live cartridges when picking up a gun.
3. Always carry shotguns with the actions OPEN, unloaded, and with the muzzles pointing in a safe direction.
4. Load only when it is your turn to shoot and leave the post with the action open.
5. Eye and ear protection are mandatory at all times while on the range.
6. Never load more than one shell at a time in singles shooting or two for doubles
7. Change posts with the gun unloaded (pointed in a safe direction) and actions open. When moving from post 5 to post 1, walk behind the shooting line.
8. If delays occur while shooting that require trap personnel in the trap houses (trap malfunctions, reloading of machines, etc.) immediately unload your gun and exit station until trap personnel are off the field.
9. Carry only one gauge of ammunition at a time. Mistakenly loading a 20ga shell in a 12ga can result in a serious explosion.
10. Keep fingers outside the trigger guard until ready to call for the target.
11. If a misfire occurs, keep the muzzles pointed downrange for 30 seconds before opening the action.
12. Never shoot mixed handicap squads more than 2 yards apart (for example, if shooting handicap on the 23 yard line, other shooters should be no further than the 25 yard line).