

Non-lead Ammunition Teaching Aid

Considerations for non-lead ammunition:

- Some jurisdictions regulate certain calibers/gauges and ammunition materials in specific locations or when hunting specific game species. Lead ammunition is not allowed everywhere, and alternatives exist such as copper, steel, and tungsten ammunition. **Using lead-free ammunition or best management practices that reduce the risk of unintended ingestion of lead by non-target wildlife is encouraged.** When not required by law, use of **lead-free ammunition** or actions to reduce unintended ingestion of lead is voluntary. Hunters that desire to reduce lead residue ingestion while using lead ammunition can take the following voluntary actions:
 - **Select appropriate ammunition**
 - **Recover spent materials**
 - **Practice using selected ammunition as performance may vary between lead and lead-free ammunition. Determine the performance characteristics of the chosen ammunition to allow for an ethical harvest.**
 - **Use all legal means to recover the game**
 - **Remove entire animal as permitted by local jurisdictions**

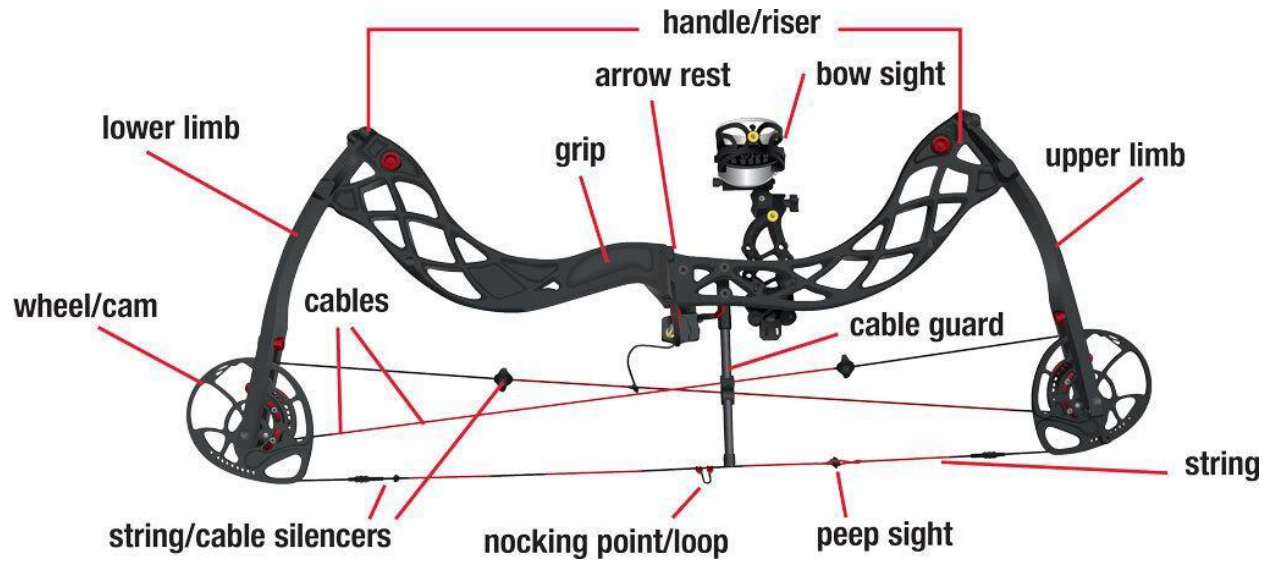
The bolded text represents required language to be used within the course. This text is directly representative of the guidelines created by the Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies. A significant number of industry partners contributed to the creation of these guidelines and the specific language in this standard is working to support the standardized dialogue around this topic.

Airgun

Safety Considerations for Airgun Use:

- Read and understand manufacturer instructions for loading, unloading, and use.
- All firearm safety rules remain applicable for airguns.
- Practice caution with air cylinders and always have them filled at a reputable filling station.

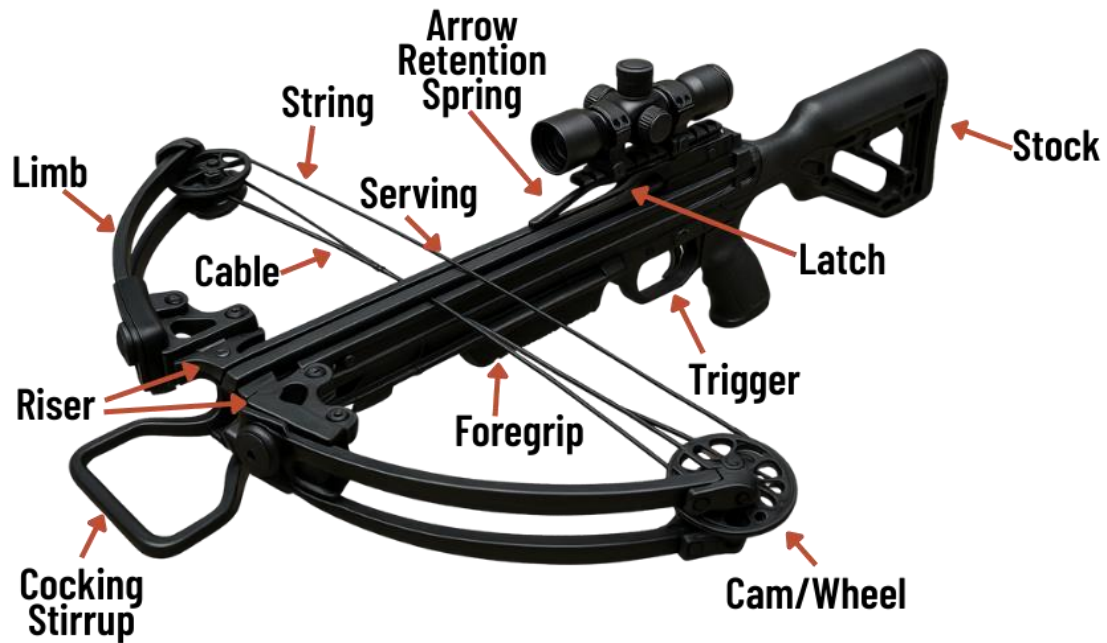
Compound Bow



Safety Considerations for Compound Bow Use:

- Release arrow when the path to target is clear.
- Have a proper backstop.
- Do not shoot in the general direction of other people.
- Never shoot straight up.
- Use finger and arm protection.
- Do not travel, walk, or ride with a nocked arrow.
- Carry arrows in a quiver with a solid cover to protect arrow points.
- Check your equipment before each use.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not dry-fire.

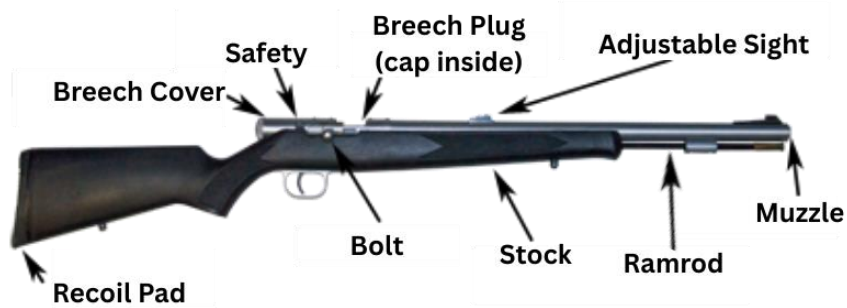
Crossbow



Safety Considerations for Crossbow Use:

- Do not dry-fire a crossbow.
- Inspect bowstrings regularly.
- Adhere to manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure fingers are outside of the path that the string travels.
- Do not walk, transport, or carry a loaded crossbow.
- Keep finger off trigger and outside trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- Keep arrows and broadheads in quiver when not in use.
- When using a tree stand, raise and lower a cocked but unloaded crossbow using a haul line with the front of the crossbow pointed toward the ground.

Muzzleloader



*Inline Muzzleloader

Safety Considerations for Muzzleloader Use:

- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- Never use modern, smokeless powder - only use black powder or a safe synthetic substitute.
- Do not cock the hammer of a muzzleloader until ready to fire. Utilize the half-cock position as a safety when the pan is primed or the nipple is capped.
- Always use eye and ear protection.
- Never smoke or use an open flame when near black powder.
- Load powder from a calibrated powder measure.
- Use only brass loading equipment.
- Load only one charge at a time.
- Never blow down the barrel when loading.
- Unload before transporting the muzzleloader.
- Be attentive to a charged muzzleloader at all times.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for loading and unloading at all times.