

Warnings on Ammunition Boxes

Consideration was given to the previously-approved safety warning on ammunition boxes concerning misfires. It was pointed out that the warning states that there should be a 30-second delay before unloading. This is not only unnecessary but misleading because it suggests that there could be a significant time delay in ammunition firing. The real safety concern is with a firearm malfunction due to worn, damaged, or altered parts, which could be of indeterminate duration. The point is to open the breech carefully.

The Subcommittee agreed to adopt the following safety warning on ammunition boxes concerning misfires:

"If gun fails to fire, keep it pointed in safe direction, then unload carefully avoiding exposure to breech."

(Secretary's note: A copy of the revised safety warnings to be placed on the side panel of ammunition boxes is appended to these minutes.)

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