

or recoil from your gun seems weak or different than usual, stop firing and check for debris or obstructions. Always be sure your barrel is clear and that you're using the right shells for your gun.

Commandment 9: Don't alter or modify your gun and have it serviced regularly. Your shotgun has certain factory specs to be followed in order to make sure it operates safely. Don't try to alter the trigger, the safety or other mechanisms. Your gun wears as you use it – so make sure you bring it to a gunsmith periodically for service, and learn to clean and lubricate it between hunts. Of course, make sure your gun is completely unloaded before you clean it. Always clean your barrel from the chamber end to the muzzle. Make it a habit to clean your bore every time you shoot. Clean your gun completely before and after storing it for any length of time - at least once a year. Examine the inner workings of your gun and make sure they don't have rust or dirt and debris on them. Use the recommended lubricant for your gun and don't overdo it.

Commandment 10: Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using. Know your gun. Know how it behaves when shooting, know its mechanics and how to carry it and handle it. Be totally familiar with everything about your gun before you try to use it. Different types of guns have different characteristics that may dictate how you handle them.

There is one other rule of centerfire rifle safety – and that is: always shoot sober. Even one beer can affect your judgment and coordination. You need a clear head at all times where guns are involved...no alcohol or drugs!

That's pretty much it – if you follow these commandments, you'll be safe, and you can show other hunters the right way to shoot safely.

Proper Care

Please click on each rifle to view the steps for properly cleaning that particular firearm.

Pump action

Cleaning the barrel

1. First check the chamber and magazine to make sure there are no cartridges in the firearm.
It is a good idea to use the instructions and the equipment provided in a good cleaning kit.
2. Select the correct caliber cleaning brush and attach the brush to the cleaning rod.
3. Put the cleaning brush into the gun cleaning solvent.
4. Push the cleaning brush through the barrel several times. You should always clean the barrel from the muzzle to the chamber.
5. Remove the brush from the rod, and attach tip with correct size cleaning patch and push through the bore.
6. Repeat several times using a new cleaning patch each time, until the patch is not dirty.
7. Push a clean patch saturated with Rem Oil through the barrel.
8. Push a clean, dry patch through the barrel to remove excess lubricant.