

below flush with the end of the barrel if the rifle is not loaded. Note: Nothing can be attached to the ramrod while using it in this way. **USE ONLY THE RAMROD PROVIDED.**

**LOAD YOUR FIREARM SAFELY.** Never load your firearm until you are in a location where it is safe to shoot. Always keep the safety engaged until you are ready to shoot. As soon as you cease firing, even temporarily, you should immediately engage the safety.

**CHECK AND CLEAR THE FLASH HOLE THROUGH THE NIPPLE BEFORE SHOOTING. ALWAYS CHECK THE BARREL FOR OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE LOADING AND SHOOTING.** Before checking for an obstruction, put the safety in the "S" position and open the bolt assembly and remove the percussion cap and residue from the nipple. Water, snow, mud or any other material can obstruct the barrel and cause barrel damage.

**USE BLACK POWDER OR PYRODEX ONLY TO LOAD YOUR MUZZLELOADING FIREARM.** Never use even small amounts of smokeless powder, even if it is black in color. The use of any other propellant may cause injury or death to the shooter or bystanders, and damage to the firearm. Never exceed the maximum recommended powder charge contained in this manual. To do so could result in injury or death to the shooter or bystanders.

**NEVER POUR POWDER DIRECTLY FROM A POWDER FLASK OR CONTAINER.** A sudden powder ignition from a lingering spark could cause the entire flask to explode. Use an individual charge from a powder measure when loading your rifle. Read and follow your powder manufacturer's procedures for powder storage.

**NEVER USE THE WRONG AMMUNITION COMPONENTS.** Only use ammunition components that exactly match the caliber marking on your firearm and are meant to be used together. Use only pure lead or Remington brand loading components when shooting lubed conical bullets. Do not use any other lead alloys with lubed conical bullets as they may be too hard for proper and safe use in your muzzleloader.

**WHEN LOADING, BE CERTAIN POWDER, PATCHES, AND PROJECTILES ARE IN THEIR PROPER SEQUENCE AND THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY SEATED AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.** Serious personal injury or death can result if space is left between them. To provide a reference mark for future loadings, mark the ramrod at the muzzle once a projectile has been loaded to the proper depth. Note: Be sure to recheck the ramrod mark if you change loading components or alter the ramrod. See picture 13 on page 17. Never attempt to shoot out a projectile that is not firmly seated against the powder charge or does not seat to the proper depth. Remove these projectiles following the instructions on page 23.