

Hunting Injury Prevention

Did You Know?

Hunting injuries treated at Hamot Trauma Center are often the result of sportsmen either assuming that their rifle is unloaded or shooting before they are sure of their target and their safe zone of fire. Here are some safety tips from the Pennsylvania Game Commission to help avoid another hunting accident.

Always carry a basic survival kit which should include a signaling device, bandages and a compass and know how to use them. If possible carry a cell phone.

For more information please visit the following web sites:

1. The Pennsylvania Game Commission.

www.pgc.state.pa.us



Please visit our web site at Hamot.org

Safety Tips:

- Take a hunter safety course.
- Be seen. Always consult the State Game Regulations about wearing fluorescent orange because the law varies from state to state.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- **POSITIVELY IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET.** Never shoot at sounds or movement.
- Stay in your safe zone of fire. Know what is in front of and behind your target.
- Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
- Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- **Always treat your rifle as if it was loaded.**
- Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before or while hunting.
- Let someone know where you are hunting and when you plan to return.
- Know your hunting area.