



Recommendation of the Public Security Police

If you own a firearm ... these are the 10 safety rules for firing and weapon handling

**Just purchased a hunting weapon or for self-defence, do you know how it handles?
Do you know how the security mechanism works?**

1. Always treat firearms as if they were loaded;
2. Never point a gun, unless you intend to fire it;
3. Never ask whether or not the weapons are loaded. Check yourself and take appropriate precautions;
4. Always make sure the barrel is properly cleaned of oil or any possible obstructions;
5. Always avoid "playing" with guns or dry shooting, unless it is in an appropriate location for this purpose.
6. Always make sure of the target before pulling the trigger;
7. Never shoot at hard or flat surfaces. Avoid this anyway as it may result in ricochets;
8. Always store weapons and ammunition separately, if possible under lock and key and out of reach of children;
9. Always avoid drinking alcohol before or during a session when carrying, shooting or activity hunting;
10. Remember, weapons in themselves are not dangerous. It all depends on who and how uses them. Always bear in mind "the weapons, rarely give an opportunity to commit a second mistake"

For more details about the use of firearms in Portugal please visit the [PSP website](#)