

Firearm Safety – TAB-K

The four basic rules of firearms safety, known by the acronym TAB-K, are as follows:

T – Treat every firearm as if it were loaded. Never assume a firearm is unloaded.

A – Always point the firearm in a safe direction. Even if an unwanted discharge occurs, no one will be hurt if you always point the firearm in a safe direction.

B – Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target. Make absolutely certain you can positively identify your target and what's beyond it. Make sure there are no other hunters, houses, vehicles, or other animals beyond your target in case your bullet, shot, or arrow misses your target or travels through your target. Never shoot an animal that is on the horizon, as you cannot be sure of what is behind that animal.

K – Keep your finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until ready to shoot. Also, make sure that branches and other objects do not contact the trigger guard or trigger.