

Lesson 2

Gun Safety/Marksmanship

This lesson also uses handouts #4, and 5.

Gun Handling and Zones of Fire

Proper Gun Handling

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting or observing a shooter.

Field Gun Carries

If you want to hunt and have the opportunity to do so, you will have to learn the correct way to carry a gun while in the field. Because guns are heavy, you will want to change your carry position several times while in the outdoors, you should know at least four ways to carry a gun properly.

These are the three basic rules for carrying a gun:

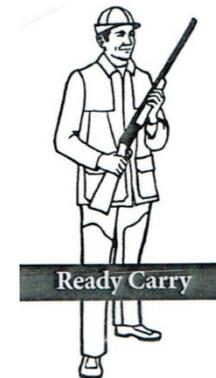
1. Muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Safety "ON".
3. Finger is off the trigger and outside the trigger guard.

Handout #4 has larger pictures of these 4 carries.

The four gun carries are: Ready, Cradle, Underarm, and Marching.

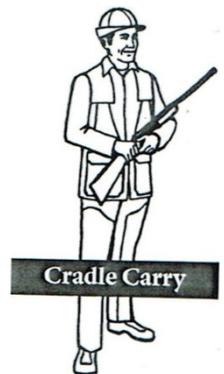
"Ready Carry"

- Point the muzzle of the gun up and to a point left between your head and shoulder.
- Grip the forearm with your left hand.
- Place the right hand on the pistol grip of the stock, "Finger off the Trigger."



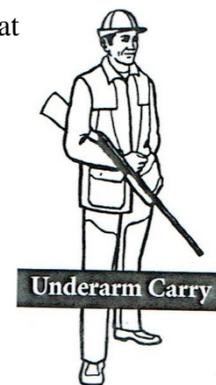
"Cradle Carry"

- Bend your left arm to form a cradle.
- Place the forearm of the gun in the left arm where the elbow bends.
- Place your left hand under the gun at the trigger guard.
- The muzzle is pointed up and to the left.
- With your right hand, support the stock by either holding it at the pistol grip or at the butt.



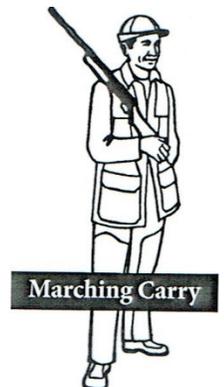
"Underarm Carry"

- Place the stock under your arm pit.
- Cradle the gun forearm on your forearm.
- Your right hand should be touching your belt.
- The gun muzzle is pointed down and away from the body.



"Marching Carry"

- Place the gun forearm on your right shoulder.
- Grip the butt of the stock with your right hand.
- The muzzle is pointed up and over your shoulder.

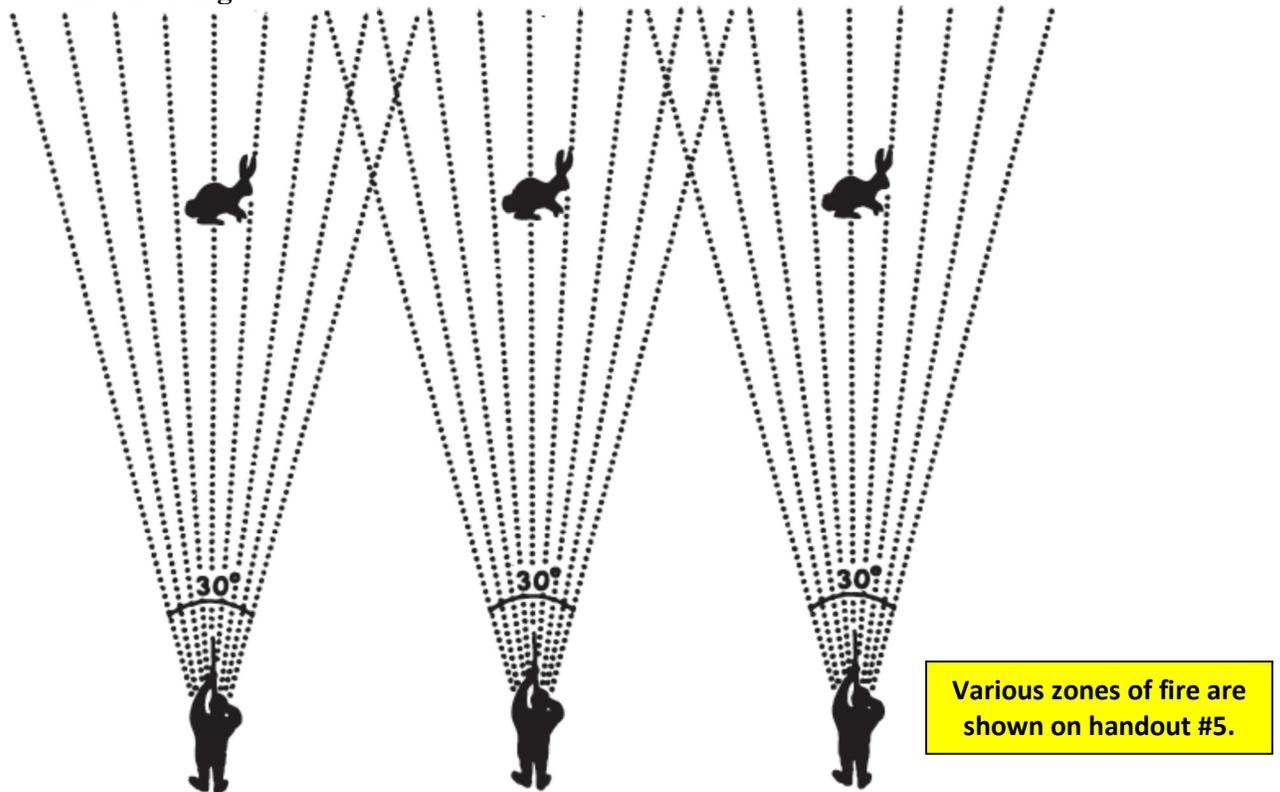


Keep in mind our basic safety rule, "Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction at all times."

The type of carry you will use will depend upon where you are, where your companions are, and what you are doing. For example:

- Three people abreast.
- Three people walking single file.
- Three people crossing a fence.
- Three people getting into and getting out of an automobile.
- Three people getting into and out of a boat.

Shooting Zones While Hunting



When you are hunting with someone else or with a group of people, you must know where each person is and his position in the field. This is very important when you are hunting small game such as rabbits, quail, pheasants, etc. When in the hunting fields and enough open area permits, you should walk abreast; all hunters walking in a row. Make sure that all people in your group stay together. If one person slows down or lags behind, have everyone stop until the slow person catches up. When hunting in a row, or abreast of one another, each person has his own private shooting zone. Do not shoot at game in someone else's shooting zone.

Follow This Rule:

Never let your gun muzzle cross in front of the person beside you.

Be sure to follow these rules while in the field:

- Have self-control.
- Do not shoot at sounds or movements.
- Shoot at a whole target.
- See the "WHOLE THING."
- Before you shoot, know what is beyond your target. Is there a house, road, or person behind our target?
- If you become lost in the woods, a worldwide signal for help is, safely firing three shots, three seconds apart. If someone hears you, they will answer by firing three shots. When your signal is answered, stay where you are and fire three more shots. Wait ten minutes and fire three more. Do not panic. You will be found.

Note: This signal is effective if used after dusk. It will not be recognized if used during daylight hours.

Code of the Daisy BB Rifleman

- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Only load or cock a gun when you are shooting.
- Check your target and beyond your target.
- Shooters and those observing a shooter should wear shooting glasses and stand behind the shooter.
- Never climb or jump with a loaded gun.
- Avoid Ricochet. Never shoot at a flat hard surface or the surface of water.
- Keep the muzzle clear of obstruction.
- Guns not in use should always be on safety, unloaded and stored separately from ammunition.
- Respect other people's property.