

## Range Safety for Trapshooting

1. Always keep the shotgun pointed in a safe direction. If you don't intend to destroy it – don't point your gun at it!!
2. Never assume a gun is unloaded. Always check the chambers and magazines of a gun for live cartridges when picking up a gun.
3. Always carry shotguns with the actions OPEN, unloaded, and with the muzzles pointing in a safe direction.
4. Eye and ear protection are mandatory at all times while on the range.
5. Load only when it is your turn to shoot and leave the post with the action open.
6. Never load more than 1 shell at a time (except when shooting doubles, then load only 2 shells).
7. Change posts with the gun unloaded (pointed in a safe direction) and actions open. When moving from post 5 to post 1, walk behind the line of fire.
8. If delays occur while shooting that require trap personnel in the field (trap malfunctions, loading of traps, etc.) immediately unload your gun and exit station until the problem is resolved.
9. Carry only one gauge of ammunition at a time.
10. Never shoot mixed handicap squads more than 2 yards apart (for example, if shooting handicap on the 23 yard line, other shooters should be no further than the 25 yard line).
11. Keep fingers outside the trigger guard until ready to call for the target.
12. If a misfire occurs, keep the muzzles pointed downrange for 30 seconds before opening the action.

