

SAFETY INFORMATION & WARNINGS

**FIREARM SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. SAFETY MUST BE
THE FIRST AND CONSTANT CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON
WHO HANDLES FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION.**

Read the instruction manual and all warnings carefully before use.

The acquisition, ownership, possession and use of firearms and certain accessories are heavily regulated. Some models or accessories may not be legally available in your state or locale. Whatever your purpose for lawfully acquiring a firearm – know the law, get trained and shoot safely.

As Arms Makers for Responsible Citizens, we believe that Americans have a right to purchase and use firearms for lawful purposes. With the tradition of private firearm ownership in America comes firearm owners' responsibility to use firearms in a way that will ensure their own safety and that of others. When firearms are used in a safe and responsible manner, they are a great source of pleasure and satisfaction and represent a fundamental part of our personal liberty. Firearms do not cause accidents! Firearms accidents are almost always found to have been the result of carelessness or ignorance on the part of the user of the basic rules of safe firearm handling.

SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read these warnings and the instruction manual for your firearm carefully. These warnings and instructions are intended to educate you about the risks associated with firearms and help you understand the operational characteristics of your firearm. Failure to read, understand and comply with these materials could lead to property damage and significant bodily injury, up to and including death.

TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED:

By treating every firearm as if it is loaded, a habit of safety is developed. Prior to handling a firearm or handing it to someone, always open the action immediately and visually check the chamber, receiver and magazine to be certain they do not contain any ammunition. Always keep actions open when not in use. Never assume a firearm is unloaded - check for yourself! This is considered a mark of an experienced firearm handler!

LEARN THE MECHANICAL AND HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIREARM YOU ARE USING:

Not all firearms are the same. The method of carrying and handling firearms varies in accordance with the mechanical provisions for avoiding accidental discharge and the various proper procedures for loading and unloading. No one should handle any firearm without first having thoroughly familiarized themselves with the particular type of firearm they are using and with safe firearm handling in general.

ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION:

Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing. Never let the muzzle of a firearm point at any part of your body or at another person. This is particularly important when loading or unloading a firearm. In the event of an accidental discharge, no injury can occur as long as the muzzle is pointing in a safe direction. A safe direction means a direction that will not permit a discharged bullet to strike a person or to strike an object from which the bullet may ricochet. A safe direction must take into account the fact that a bullet may penetrate a wall, ceiling, floor, window, etc. and strike a person or damage property. Make it a habit to know exactly where the muzzle of your firearm is pointing whenever you handle it and be sure that you are always in control of the direction in which the muzzle is pointing, even if you fall or stumble.

KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT:

Never touch the trigger on a firearm until you actually intend to shoot. Keep your fingers away from the trigger while loading or unloading. Never pull the trigger on any firearm with the safety on the "safe" position or anywhere in between "safe" and "fire." It is possible that the firearm can fire at any time or even later when you release the safety, without you ever touching the trigger again.

- It is the firearm owner's responsibility to seek training and education on safe and proper firearm ownership and use. Many organizations offer such training. Your local firearm retailer or local law enforcement can recommend appropriate local training resources.

STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION

- It is your responsibility to ensure that your firearms are stored safely and securely and in a manner that complies with applicable law.
- Be sure to review and understand the lock installation instructions contained in your instruction manual. Verify your firearm is unloaded and keep it pointed in a safe direction while installing a locking device. Never install a locking device in the trigger guard. Always keep your fingers and locking device outside the trigger guard during lock installation and removal. Locking devices are not a substitute for safe firearm handling and proper storage. Any mechanical device can be bypassed with enough time, knowledge, determination and equipment.
- Do not attempt to work the action of your firearm with the locking device in place; this may damage your firearm.
- **FIREARMS SHOULD BE UNLOADED AND SECURELY STORED WHEN NOT IN USE:**
Firearms should be loaded only when you are in the field or on the target range or shooting area, ready to shoot. Firearms and ammunition should be securely locked in safes, racks or cabinets or by using the locking device supplied with the firearm, when not in use. Ammunition should be stored safely separate from firearms.
- It is your responsibility to be certain that children, unauthorized individuals and individuals unfamiliar with firearms cannot gain access to firearms, ammunition or components. Do not store your firearm with the key in the locking device.
- Do not transport a loaded firearm. It is the firearm owner's responsibility to know the law and transport firearms safely and lawfully.

AMMUNITION

- Only use new, factory ammunition of the correct caliber. Always ensure that the ammunition you are attempting to use in your firearm is compatible with the caliber marked on your firearm prior to loading and use. In some instances, ammunition that is incompatible with a firearm may chamber in that firearm. The ability to chamber a caliber does not necessarily indicate that the ammunition is compatible with your firearm. If you are not sure whether a particular ammunition is compatible with your firearm, check your instruction manual or contact Customer Service. Death, serious injury and damage can result from using the wrong ammunition, bore obstructions, powder overloads or incorrect cartridge components. Never use dirty, damaged or corroded ammunition and always wear shooting glasses and hearing protection.
- Ruger firearms are designed to operate with factory ammunition loaded to industry standards, including ammunition manufactured in accordance with NATO, U.S., SAAMI or CIP standards.
- Ruger specifically disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury occurring in connection with, or as a result of, the use of faulty, non-standard re-manufactured or hand-loaded (re-loaded) ammunition or of cartridges other than those for which the firearm was originally chambered.
- If your firearm is fed via a detachable magazine, be sure to inspect your magazines on a regular basis. Damaged, non-standard or improperly assembled magazines should not be used, as they can cause your firearm to malfunction.
- Always be alert to the possibility of an obstructed bore or a hang fire. Listen to each shot and, if a shot sounds different or you are not entirely sure the bullet exited the muzzle of the firearm, stop shooting immediately. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and do nothing for at least 30 seconds. Follow the instructions in your instruction manual to safely unload the firearm and inspect the bore for any obstruction. Firing into an obstructed bore can cause serious damage to the firearm and may result in serious injury or death to the user and those nearby.
- Do not spray or apply lubricants directly on ammunition. If the powder of a cartridge is affected by the lubricant, it may not be ignited, but the primer firing may push the bullet into the bore where it may be lodged. Firing a subsequent bullet into the obstructed bore may damage the firearm and cause serious injury or death to the user and those nearby.

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- Many firearms are equipped with active and/or passive manual safety devices. Prior to using your firearm or attempting to load it, read and understand your firearm's instruction manual to ensure you know how to properly operate it. Never depend on any mechanical device to justify careless handling or permitting the firearm to point in an unsafe direction. Always be alert to the possibility of accidental discharge. Any firearm may fire if dropped or struck with sufficient force. The only absolutely safe firearm is one in which the action is open, the chamber is empty and there is no ready source of ammunition.
- **BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT:**
Don't shoot unless you know exactly where your bullet is going to strike. Be sure of the bullet stop behind your target, even when dry-firing with an unloaded firearm. If you are in the field hunting, do not fire at a movement or noise. Take the time to be absolutely certain of your target before you pull the trigger.
- **NEVER CLIMB A TREE OR FENCE, OR DO ANYTHING AWKWARD WITH A LOADED FIREARM:**
Put the firearm down carefully before climbing a fence and unload it before climbing or descending a tree or jumping over a ditch or other obstruction. Never pull or push a loaded firearm toward yourself or another person. When in doubt, or whenever you are about to do anything awkward, unload your firearm!
- **DON'T SHOOT AT A HARD SURFACE OR AT WATER:**
Bullets can glance off many surfaces like rocks or the surface of water and travel in unpredictable directions with considerable velocity.
- **AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS WHEN SHOOTING OR HANDLING A FIREARM:**
Handling firearms while under the influence of alcohol in any form, or medications that could affect your judgement or coordination, constitutes a criminal disregard for the safety of others.
- **WEAR SHOOTING GLASSES AND EAR PROTECTION WHEN YOU SHOOT:**
All users should wear protective shooting glasses and adequate hearing protection when shooting. Exposure to shooting noise can damage hearing and wearing adequate eye protection when shooting is essential.
- **ALWAYS ENSURE THE TRIGGER GUARD AND TRIGGER ARE NOT IN CONTACT WITH ANY OBJECTS WHEN INSERTING YOUR FIREARM INTO OR REMOVING YOUR FIREARM FROM A HOLSTER.**
- Firearm malfunctions can occasionally occur. Before operating your firearm, review your instruction manual to fully understand the proper procedure to safely address a malfunction.
- The safety features available on your firearm depend upon the firearm you selected. Review the instruction manual specific to your firearm to understand proper use of the safety features. Firearms are offered in a variety of configurations, including some with and without a manual safety device and with and without a magazine disconnect. Do not assume your firearm is equipped with one of these features. Review the instruction manual and, if you are not sure, seek the assistance of a qualified firearm trainer or call Ruger Customer Service.

MAINTENANCE, ABUSE & FUNCTION CHECKS

- This product was designed to function properly in its original condition. Alterations can make it unsafe and can interfere with the safe and reliable functioning of safety features of this firearm. Do not alter any part of your firearm. Ruger disclaims all liability for incidents that may result from the installation and use of aftermarket accessories not manufactured by Ruger. If you chose to install Ruger-manufactured aftermarket accessories on your firearm, follow all installation instructions and, prior to loading and firing the firearm, perform a function check as described in your instruction manual. It is your responsibility to ensure that accessories are compatible and do not interfere with the safe operation of the firearm.
- It is your responsibility to be absolutely certain that any parts ordered are correctly fitted and installed. Firearms are complicated mechanisms and improper fitting of parts may result in a dangerous malfunction, damage to the firearm and serious injury to the user and other persons. You or the person that installed the parts are responsible for the correct adjustment and functioning of the firearm after such installation.
- Improper use or abuse of your firearm can render the safety features inherent to its design non-functional. Do not abuse your firearm and inspect it frequently for worn or broken parts. Follow the function check process described in your instruction manual to verify proper operation before each use. A firearm containing broken, malfunctioning or worn parts should not be loaded with live ammunition or fired.
- Never attempt to disassemble, clean or maintain a loaded firearm. Prior to performing any work on your firearm, ensure the firearm is completely unloaded and there is no ammunition in your workspace. Following disassembly, cleaning or maintenance, verify your firearm is completely unloaded and perform a function check as described in your instruction manual.
- When disassembling your firearm for maintenance, be aware that parts under spring tension may fly out upon disassembly. Always wear eye protection to prevent injury when disassembling or reassembling your firearm. Do not disassemble your firearm beyond the level directed in the instruction manual.
- The installation of certain aftermarket accessories may render your firearm prohibited in certain states or locales. Other alterations may constitute manufacturing a firearm regulated by the National Firearms Act. Prior to making any alterations to your firearm, be sure you know and understand the legal implications of such alterations. Ruger specifically disclaims all responsibility for any configuration created by such alterations.
- Firing a firearm with oil, grease or any other material even partially obstructing the bore may result in damage to the firearm and serious injury to the user and those nearby. You are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of your firearm.
- Not all firearms, accessories or magazines are available in all states and locales. Ruger does not guarantee the legal compliance of any particular firearm or configuration. You are responsible for verifying the legal compliance of the firearm configuration of your choice. Seek the advice of an attorney or local law enforcement for legal compliance determinations.

STATE REQUIRED WARNINGS Certain states require by law that their own specified warning notices in larger-than-normal type be conspicuously included by the manufacturer, distributor or retailer with firearms sold in that state. Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc. sells its products in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because our products may be sold in these states, we include the following:

CALIFORNIA:

WARNING

"Firearms must be handled responsibly and securely stored to prevent access by children and other unauthorized users. California has strict laws pertaining to firearms, and you may be fined or imprisoned if you fail to comply with them. Visit the Web site of the California Attorney General at <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> for information on firearm laws applicable to you and how you can comply. Prevent child access by always keeping firearms locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison. If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, please call the national suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)."

ADVERTENCIA

"Las armas de fuego deben manipularse de manera responsable y segura para evitar el acceso de niños y otros usuarios no autorizados. California tiene leyes estrictas relacionadas con armas de fuego, y usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si no las cumple. Visite el sitio web del Procurador General de California en <https://oag.ca.gov/firearms> para obtener información sobre las leyes de armas de fuego que le son aplicables y cómo puede cumplirlas. A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarse lesiones graves y la muerte. Evite que los niños tengan acceso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente, le pueden dar una multa o enviarlo a la cárcel. Si usted o alguien que conoce está pensando en suicidarse, llame a la línea nacional de prevención del suicidio al 1-800-273-TALK (8255)."

CONNECTICUT:

"UNLAWFUL STORAGE OF A LOADED FIREARM MAY RESULT IN IMPRISONMENT OR FINE."

FLORIDA:

"IT IS UNLAWFUL, AND PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND FINE, FOR ANY ADULT TO STORE OR LEAVE A FIREARM IN ANY PLACE WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE OR TO KNOWINGLY SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM TO A MINOR OR A PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND."

MASSACHUSETTS:

"WARNING FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ATTORNEY GENERAL: This handgun is not equipped with a device that fully blocks use by unauthorized users. More than 200,000 firearms like this one are stolen from their owners every year in the United States. In addition, there are more than a thousand suicides each year by younger children and teenagers who get access to firearms. Hundreds more die from accidental discharge. It is likely that many more children sustain serious wounds, or inflict such wounds accidentally on others. In order to limit the chance of such misuse, it is imperative that you keep this weapon locked in a secure place and take other steps necessary to limit the possibility of theft or accident. Failure to take reasonable preventive steps may result in innocent lives being lost, and in some circumstances may result in your liability for these deaths."

"IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE OR KEEP A FIREARM, RIFLE, SHOTGUN OR MACHINE GUN IN ANY PLACE UNLESS THAT WEAPON IS EQUIPPED WITH A TAMPER-RESISTANT SAFETY DEVICE OR IS STORED OR KEPT IN A SECURELY LOCKED CONTAINER."

NEW JERSEY:

"IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, PUNISHABLE BY A FINE AND IMPRISONMENT, FOR AN ADULT TO LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN EASY ACCESS OF A MINOR."

NEW YORK:

"THE USE OF A LOCKING DEVICE OR SAFETY LOCK IS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF RESPONSIBLE FIREARM STORAGE. FOR INCREASED SAFETY, FIREARMS SHOULD BE STORED UNLOADED AND LOCKED IN A LOCATION THAT IS BOTH SEPARATE FROM THEIR AMMUNITION AND INACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN AND UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS."

NORTH CAROLINA:

"ANY PERSON WHO RESIDES IN THE SAME PREMISES AS A MINOR, OWNS OR POSSESSES A FIREARM, AND STORES OR LEAVES THE FIREARM (I) IN A CONDITION THAT THE FIREARM CAN BE DISCHARGED AND (II) IN A MANNER THAT THE PERSON KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT AN UNSUPERVISED MINOR WOULD BE ABLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM, IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR IF A MINOR GAINS ACCESS TO THE FIREARM WITHOUT THE LAWFUL PERMISSION OF THE MINOR'S PARENTS OR A PERSON HAVING CHARGE OF THE MINOR AND THE MINOR:

- (1) POSSESSES IT IN VIOLATION OF G.S. 14-269.2(B);
- (2) EXHIBITS IT IN A PUBLIC PLACE IN A CARELESS, ANGRY, OR THREATENING MANNER;
- (3) CAUSES PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH WITH IT NOT IN SELF DEFENSE; OR
- (4) USES IT IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME."

WASHINGTON:

"(i) CAUTION: Although state and local laws do not differ, federal law and state law on the possession of firearms differ. If you are prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm, you may be prosecuted in federal court. State permission to purchase a firearm is not a defense to a federal prosecution; (ii) CAUTION: The presence of a firearm in the home has been associated with an increased risk of death to self and others, including an increased risk of suicide, death during domestic violence incidents, and unintentional deaths to children and others."

WISCONSIN:

"IF YOU LEAVE A LOADED FIREARM WITHIN THE REACH OR EASY ACCESS OF A CHILD YOU MAY BE FINED OR IMPRISONED OR BOTH IF THE CHILD IMPROPERLY DISCHARGES, POSSESSES, OR EXHIBITS THE FIREARM."

Please check with your licensed retailer or state police for additional warnings which may be required by local law or regulation. Such regulations change constantly and local authorities are in the best position to advise you on such legal matters.

WARNING

LEAD EXPOSURE: Shooting or cleaning firearms can expose you to lead. Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to the State of California to cause birth defects, reproductive harm and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

REESE'S LAW:

Your firearm may come equipped with an accessory that contains a button or coin battery. Please be advised that these batteries may present an ingestion hazard for young children.

WARNING

- **INGESTION HAZARD: DEATH** or serious injury can occur if ingested.
- A swallowed button cell or battery can cause **Internal Chemical Burns** in as little as **2 hours**.
- KEEP new and used batteries **OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**.
- **Seek immediate medical attention** if a battery is suspected to be swallowed or inserted inside any part of the body.
- For treatment information call:
1-(800) 498-8666

