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Gun Deer Season Safety Tips

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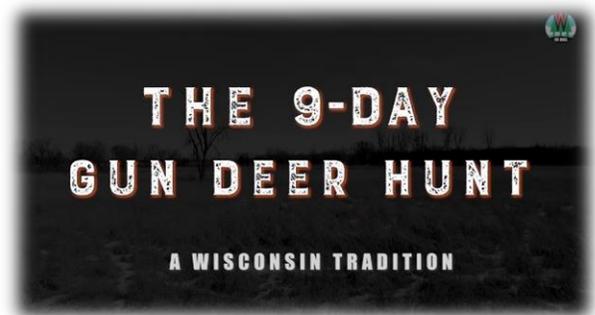
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As hunters head out for Wisconsin's 9-Day Gun Deer Season, Sheriff Knudson would like to remind you to review and think about firearm safety every time you go out.

About one third of all hunting incidents are self-inflicted injuries. You can help prevent these injuries from occurring by reviewing and following the four basic rules of firearms safety:

- T = Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- A = Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
- B = Be certain of your target and what's beyond it.
- K = Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.



Additional safety tips include:

- If a law enforcement officer approaches you, point your muzzle in a safe direction and follow the officer's instructions.
- A hunter's zone-of-fire changes with every step, it is important to remain alert and aware of your companions' locations at all times.
- A rifle/shotgun scope should never be used as a binocular.
- While outdoors during gun deer season, it is important to wear bright clothing, such as blaze orange or pink, even if you are not hunting, so others can easily see you.
- Lastly, remember hunting is a privilege and can be taken if hunters fail to act responsibly.

For further safety tips and the 2019 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations, visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/>.

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