

BASIC RULES OF GUN SAFETY

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**All guns are always loaded.
NO exceptions!**

Never treat a firearm as if it is empty and "safe."



**Never let the muzzle cover
anything you are not willing
to destroy.**



**Keep your finger off the
trigger until your sights are on
the target.** This is the Golden Rule.



**Identify your target, and
what is behind it.** Never shoot at
anything that you have not positively identified.