



Make a Clean Kill. Hunt Safely



Rifle season is here and along with all the freedom being out in the woods and fields affords, there are certain safety precautions all hunters need to take to ensure a productive, fun, and lawful hunting season. The Latah County Sheriff's Office reminds game and bird hunters to:

- **Obey Idaho Code 36-1508 and Don't Shoot from or across a roadway.** According to State code, it is illegal to shoot from the side of a road (or in its right-of-way) or across a roadway. Not only is it illegal, it is not safe.
- **Obey property markings.** If an area is marked with "no trespassing" or "no hunting" signs, you could be cited or arrested for trespassing for hunting or even walking onto the property.
- **Ask First!** If you are unsure as to whether or not the land you want to hunt is privately or publicly owned and whether or not it is legal to hunt that area, find out. Contact the Assessor's Office in the Latah County Courthouse for Latah county maps. If the area you want to hunt is privately owned, make sure you have **written permission** from the owner allowing you to hunt on the land.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Rifles are high-powered weapons and their bullets can travel for long distances. Whether shooting a rifle or shotgun, be aware if your target background. Do you risk shooting a house or structure if the bullet is unencumbered by the game at which you are aiming? Your mistake could result in a costly citation or jail time.
- **Be aware of other hunters in the area.** Wear clothing that distinguishes you from game or otherwise alert hunters in the area of your presence.

Latah County Deputies, The Idaho State Police, and Fish and Game Officers are in the area hunting down violators of these laws. Don't blow the season. Make a Clean Kill. Hunt Safely.

