



CODE OF CONDUCT

PLEASE CONSIDER THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS AND OBSERVE THE HUNTERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Access

- If no Fish & Game access sign is present, always ask permission from the land occupier before crossing private property (also check if it is OK to take your dog across their land).
- Do not interfere with livestock, crops, machinery or other property.
- Keep your dog under firm control or on a lead when on private property
- Always use gates, stiles or other recognised access points and avoid damage to fences.
- Leave everything as you found it. If a gate is open or closed leave it that way.
- Do not park vehicles so that they obstruct gateways or cause a hazard on the road or access way.
- When driving on riverbeds keep to marked tracks or park on the bank and walk to your hunting spot.
- Always respect the environment, wildlife, other hunters and members of the public.

Firearm safety

- Practise the seven Police-approved principles of firearm safety:
 - i. Treat every firearm as loaded
 - ii Always point firearms in a safe direction
 - iii Load a firearm only when ready to fire
 - iv Identify your target beyond all doubt
 - v Check your firing zone
 - vi Store firearms and ammunition safely
 - vii Avoid alcohol or drugs when handling firearms

Hunting

- Carry a current game bird hunting licence and comply with the relevant bag limits and conditions of hunting.
- Wear a high visibility hat and a high visibility outer garment whenever possible when upland game hunting.
- Be a competent shooter, estimate ranges, and be aware of your and your shotgun's limitations.
- Select appropriate shot size for the quarry being hunted.
- Be able to distinguish what may be lawfully hunted from protected species.
- If an animal is wounded, take all reasonable steps to locate it, so that it can be killed quickly and humanely.
- Use a trained gundog, or other means to ensure the prompt retrieval of game, be it your own or to assist another hunter to retrieve their game.
- Remove empty cartridge cases and all litter from the hunting area.
- Remember that all hunters will be judged by your actions. Always hunt in a sporting manner and ensure that your conduct is always above reproach. Encourage the same attitude in your shooting companions.
- Above all, be safe and be sensible.