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Welcome to session 2

Firearms and firearms legislation

Summary of session 1

Why is there a compulsory Hunting Proficiency Course?

How should we as hunters conduct ourselves to prevent opposition to hunting from growing?

What do we mean by humane hunting?

Do you support shooting at moving game?

Topics for session 2

Firearms and society

Firearms legislation

Parts, uses and functioning of firearms

Shotguns

Rifles

Ammunition requirements

Firearm care and maintenance

Firearms and society

The history, tradition and use of weapons:

- How weapons have developed

Firearms for different purposes:

- Shotguns and rifles

Firearms in Norway:

- Gun ownership, need for regulation

Firearms and society

Handling and safety rules

ALWAYS check that the firearm is unloaded when you handle it. Firearms should always be treated as if they were loaded.

Always point the firearm in a safe direction. Never aim at anything unless you intend firing a shot.

Never touch another person 's firearm without permission.

Never release the safety until you have checked that you can shoot.

Firearms and society

Handling and safety rules

Know what is behind your target. It is your responsibility to make sure that the backdrop is safe.

Take responsibility as a gun owner. Follow regulations on how to use and store firearms.

Only use ammunition designed for the firearm.

Firearms legislation

The Firearms Act (våpenloven) regulates the acquisition (purchase, inheritance, gifts) and ownership of firearms and ammunition.

The Regulation on Firearms (Våpenforskriften) expands on the Firearms Act and provides more details about its provisions.

Firearms legislation

The scope of the Firearms Act:

Civilian ownership of all types of firearms, gun parts and ammunition

Exemptions:

Firearms, gun parts and ammunition of armed forces and police

Air guns with a calibre (diameter) up to and including 4,5 mm.

Bows

Harmless items designed as toys for children

Deactivated weapons:

Deactivation has to be registered, but it is not compulsory to report sales/transfers of deactivated weapons to other people

Firearms legislation

Firearms covered by the Firearms Act:

Firearms Act §2: For the purposes of the present Act, the following terms shall mean:

- 1: Weapon: A tool or device made for use in battle or hunting, or made to look like those objects
- 2: Firearm: A weapon or device that can shoot, or in some other way propel a projectile, gas, signalling light, radiation, rockets, fire or similar, as well as weapons that can fire blank cartridges. Firearms that have been deactivated in accordance with §27, and objects that can be easily modified to shoot or in some other way propel a projectile or one of the substances described above are also considered firearms.
- 3: Gun parts: Parts that are made or specially adapted for use in firearms.
- 4: Ammunition:
 - a) Cartridges or other objects that are made to be fired by firearms,,
 - b) propellants, ignition devices and projectiles for the objects mentioned in a),
 - c) hand grenades, bombs, rockets, mines or similar objects, which are made to detonate, deflagrate or emit light, gas, smoke or similar.

Safety prior to hunting

Sikkerhet før jakt

Firearms legislation

The Wildlife Act (Viltloven) and associated regulations and requirements relating to firearms:

Amongst other things, the Wildlife Act and associated regulations govern which types of firearms can be used for which types of game

Includes provisions about ammunition as well

Firearms legislation

Rules in firearms in the Wildlife Resources Act

Wildlife Resources Act, §24 and the Regulation on Hunting and Trapping §15
Only shotguns and rifles with a powder charge shall be used to shoot game when hunting.

The use of shotguns that can hold more than two rounds is prohibited, and fully automatic rifles are also prohibited.

Firearms legislation

Rules on semi-automatic rifles in the Regulation on Hunting and Trapping:

Moose, red deer and roe deer:

Three rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber (max. four in total)

Other species:

Two rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber (max. three in total)

Firearms legislation

When you apply to acquire a firearm, the police consider the following factors:

Need

Suitability

Age

Safety while hunting



Firearms legislation

Age limit:

General limit of 18 years

Exemption possible from when you turn 16. This applies to the right to possess a firearm, but you cannot buy a firearm until you turn 18.

21 years old for revolvers and pistols

Special conditions for short-term use

Firearms legislation

Firearms license

Your firearms license is available at
www.vaapenregisteret.brreg.no

Log in with BankID

Remember to open for sharing the license

Firearms legislation

There is a special form for declaring the lending of firearms at www.politiet.no

It is valid as a firearms licence

Remember that the borrower must have a permit from the police and that the duration of the loan must be specified

Firearms legislation

Lending firearms

The duration of the loan must be specified

The borrower must have a firearms licence for an equivalent firearm or have a permit from the police to borrow the firearm if they do not already possess a licence

NB! The lender is responsible for checking that these conditions are met!

Firearms legislation

Purchasing ammunition

Firearms licence/lending declaration

ID

Owners of unregistered shotguns acquired before October 1st 1990 have to apply to the police for a licence to buy ammunition, see the Firearms Act §7 and the Regulation on Firearms, §2-6. The earlier rule on buying ammunition by proving you have paid your hunting licencing fee is not continued.

Firearms legislation

Storing firearms and ammunition

Gun safe approved by the Norwegian Insurance Approval Board

Maximum number of cartridges

Inhabited or uninhabited house or holiday cabin

If the police are notified within three weeks, a firearm can be stored somewhere other than the owner's registered address

When stored in a temporary location, firearms shall be adequately supervised



Firearms legislation

- **Transporting firearms and ammunition**
- Firearms and ammunition shall be kept separate from one another
- They shall be thoroughly packed so that they are not visible or easily accessible.
- A firearm can be left temporarily in a car, provided that it is packed in such a way that it is not visible and the car is locked, or if you take a vital gun part with you.



Safety after hunting

Sikkerhet etter
jakt

Firearm construction and operation



Shotguns

Designed for short range, suitable for moving targets

The pellets fan out in a cone

Dependent on one or more pellets hitting the vital organs of the game with sufficient penetration (impact energy)

Pellets lose energy quickly, so keep a very close eye on the range

Shotguns



Rifles

A rifle is a precision weapon

Suitable for long ranges

Several different types and designs

Large number of calibres suited to different types of hunting with different impact energy requirements

Rifles



Shotgun shells

Ammunition requirements

Impact energy

Materials



Shotgun shells

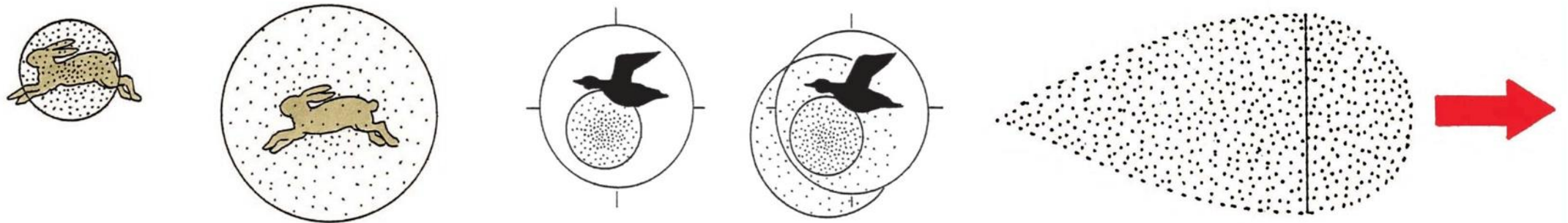
- A series of varieties available
- Choose the pellet size based on the size of the game
- The weight and muzzle velocity of the pellets determine what effect they have
- Bismuth and tungsten matrix can be used in all guns
- Steel and hevi-shot should not be used in old guns, or in bores with more than half choke
- Ask your retailer for help and advice
- **Remember: Doubling the velocity quadruples the impact energy**

Shotgun shells

- **Pellet dynamics** (from *The Hunting Proficiency Test with NJFF*)

If the game is further away, the pellets will spread out more

Due to their low weight, pellets lose velocity quickly. This means they lose their ability to penetrate and thus their lethality. The lighter the pellets, the faster they lose energy



Rifle cartridges

Available with expanding and non-expanding bullets

A single projectile that rotates along its own axis

Rules on impact energy and using expanding projectiles when hunting big game and beaver



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