



Left: Point your gun only at objects you intend to shoot. In 1952 the National Rifle Association received reports of 365 hunting casualties caused by accidental discharge of weapons. Fifty-six of these were persons shot 'accidentally' by hunters loading or unloading their guns. All of these casualties could have been prevented if the gunhandlers had pointed their guns at the ground immediately in front of them.

LIVE TO HUNT AGAIN

According to the National Rifle Association, there were 829 hunting casualties—147 of them fatal—reported in 1952. Since there were only 22 states submitting hunting accident reports, the total for the whole United States can only be estimated. If complete statistics were compiled, the total casualties would exceed the 2000 mark—with the number of fatal accidents numbering at least 500.

Pictured on these pages are five typical situations often encountered by hunters. The pictures were posed by Bob Eason (Casting), Jim Shook (Casting) and Lonnie Jones (Coating) of our Olin Cellophane Division, with the hope of helping Ecusta hunters to avoid being a statistic.

Right: Be certain your gun is unloaded before carrying it in a vehicle. Fifty-one hunters were injured or killed last year because they did not unload their guns before getting into a vehicle. The few seconds lost in removing ammunition from a gun before getting into a vehicle may pay off in a life saved before the journey is over.

