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Y. HUMPHREY: Hello, Straight Shooters ... Tom Mix and the National Safety Council have asked me to talk to you about something very important - your future happiness and well being. Now, anybody that has been hurt or injured can tell you that an accident is no fun. Yet there are boys and girls who will run needless risks even though they know better.

For example, you've all read or heard about some youngster being killed or injured while playing with an "empty" gun. Well now, the chances are such youngsters knew better. Common sense should tell anyone that ANY gun is dangerous. That's why I want to recommend the National Safety Council's rules for handling firearms to you today. The rules are very simple. Here they are:

1. Every gun should be treated as a loaded gun.
2. Never aim a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.
3. Whether you're hunting or just practicing, make absolutely sure there is no one within your firing range.
4. If your gun has a tubular magazine for cartridges, the tube should be taken completely out and the magazine examined carefully to make sure it is empty before you put the gun away. This is very necessary because sometimes a slight deformity in the tube or a weak magazine spring, will leave a cartridge in the tube you have supposedly emptied.

The fifth safety rule is to clean your gun when you are alone after you have made sure the gun is empty.

Finally, Straight Shooters, never play with a gun left around the house by your Dad or your big brother. Guns- real guns that is - are made to kill; not to play with!



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