



Code of Conduct

1. **AWARENESS of relevant legislation:** It is the responsibility of the holder of a NSW Game Hunting License to be aware of and comply with all relevant legislation relating to hunting, animal welfare and the use of firearms.
2. **SAFE handling of firearms:** Where firearms are used, the rules for safe handling set out in the [NSW Firearms Safety Awareness handbook](#) published by or under the authority of the Commissioner of Police must be complied with at all times.
3. **PERMISSION required to enter land:** A NSW Game Hunting License does not automatically authorize the holder of a license to hunt on any land. The holder of a game hunting license must not hunt on any land without the express authority of the occupier of the land.
4. **TARGET IDENTIFICATION and safety:** A game animal must not be fired at unless it can be clearly seen and identified, and the shot taken poses no discernible risk of injury to any person or significant property damage to any property.
5. **OBLIGATION to avoid suffering:** An animal being hunted must not be inflicted with unnecessary pain. To achieve the aim of delivering a humane death to a hunted animal: (a) It must be targeted so that humane kill is likely, (b) it must be shot within the reasonably accepted killing range of the firearm and ammunition or bow being used, and, (c) the firearm, ammunition, or bow and arrow, used must be such as can be reasonably expected to humanely kill an animal of the target species.
6. **Lactating female with dependant young:** If a lactating female is killed, every reasonable effort must be made to locate and kill any dependant young.
7. **Wounded animals:** If an animal is wounded, the hunter must take all reasonable steps to locate it, so that it can be killed quickly and humanely.
8. **Use of dogs:** Dogs and other animals may be used to assist hunters but only if (a) their use is not in contravention to the [Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979](#) and, (b) their use is with the permission of the occupier of the land concerned.

Please refer to the [Game and Feral Animal Control Regulation 2004](#).