

Hunter Ed Lesson Plan 3
FIREARM CARRIES

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Instructor Training Aids and References

Student manual, this lesson plan, firearms and/or Laser Aims

TIME PERIOD (APPROXIMATELY): 15 minutes

TYPE OF LESSON

- E.D.O.C.**
- LECTURE**
- DISCUSSION**
- PRACTICAL**

OBJECTIVE(S)

For each student to:

- √ Understand the purpose of the 4 Rules of Firearm Safety as it applies to firearm carries.
- √ Learn safe firearms carries and when to use them in multiple hunter situations.

LESSON OUTLINE

ITEMS NEEDED

EDUCATE:

Firearm Carry selection is based primarily on:

- Muzzle Control
- Location of Hunting Companions
- Terrain.

DEMONSTRATE:

Instructors will demonstrate carries and tell the students the advantages and disadvantages for each of the firearm carry positions.

- **Two Handed/Ready Carry**
 - Always provides the best control of the firearm.
- **Cradle Carry**
 - Comfortable
 - Very secure & reduces arm fatigue
- **Trail Carry**
 - Leaves a hand free for balance
 - Don't use when someone is in front of you
- **Elbow Carry**
 - Comfortable
 - Has the least muzzle control
- **Shoulder Carry**
 - Good in high brush
 - Don't use if someone is behind you
- **Sling Carry** is an easy carry for long treks through open country
 - Keep hand on sling when walking
 - Large buttons sewn on the shoulder of a jacket will help secure the sling from slipping.

Refer to manual.

Muzzle control a must

Each student should have a gun of some kind. Air Rifles, or wooden cutout works fine also.

OBSERVE:

- Break into small student groups and have each student:
 - Show all 6 of the firearm carries.
- Students will team up in 3 or more hunter groups and:
 - Demonstrate the safe firearm carry each hunter must use
 - Walking single file
 - Hunting in a typical horizontal line.
 - Instructors correct as necessary
- Reinforce to the students that the Two Handed Carry is by far the safest.
- Muzzle “awareness” is a must no matter what firearm carry is used

Use firearms
Lazer Ed
guns, or
firearm
substitute

Watch muzzle
control

CONGRATULATE: Give praise throughout and also at the conclusion to the entire group