

Crossbow Safety Guidelines

Safety first

- Adult supervision is **ALWAYS** required when any type of crossbow is in use.
- **ALWAYS** know your state and local laws concerning the use of crossbows.

Target safety

- **ALWAYS** treat the crossbow as though it is loaded and ready to fire.
- **ALWAYS** treat the crossbow with the same respect you would a firearm.
- **ALWAYS** store the crossbow unloaded and away from children.
- **ALWAYS** check to see if the crossbow is “ON SAFE” and unloaded when getting it from another person or from storage.
- **ALWAYS** keep the crossbow pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION.
- **ALWAYS** keep the crossbow “ON SAFE” until you are ready to shoot.
- **ALWAYS** keep finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- **ALWAYS** be sure of your target and what is beyond.
- **ALWAYS** check your archery backstop for wear before and after such use. All target backstops are subject to wear and will eventually fail. Replace your target backstop if the surface is worn or damaged.
- **NEVER** cock or load the crossbow until you are ready to shoot.
- **NEVER** point the crossbow at any person.
- **NEVER** point the crossbow at anything you do not intend to shoot.

Crossbow safety

- **ALWAYS** check the crossbow thoroughly for worn, damaged, loose or missing parts prior to shooting.
- **ALWAYS** inspect your arrows/bolts regularly. Damaged arrows/bolts may cause serious injury. Any nicked, dented, split, or splintered arrows/bolts should be discarded immediately.
- **ALWAYS** keep hands, fingers and thumbs below the travel path of the bow string and cables.
- **ALWAYS** be sure the crossbow limbs are clear from striking tree limbs and other obstacles before shooting.
- **ALWAYS** wear safety glasses with any type of archery product.
- **NEVER** dry fire the crossbow. Shooting without an arrow will cause damage to your crossbow and could cause injury to the shooter.
- **NEVER** use underweight arrows/bolts. This has the same effect as dry-firing a crossbow and may cause damage to the crossbow and injury to the shooter.
- **NEVER** shoot any projectile in the crossbow except for arrows/bolts recommended by CenterPoint Hunting and Outdoors for the specific crossbow. Shooting other than recommended arrows/bolts could result in injury or damage to the crossbow (see 8. Specification chart for arrow/bolt information).
- **NEVER** draw your crossbow beyond the maximum draw length or damage to the limbs, cables and strings could occur.
- **NEVER** use your hand or the rope cocker to uncock the crossbow as it may cause serious injury to the user or damage to the crossbow.
- **NEVER** attempt to disassemble or tamper with the crossbow. Special tools are required for working on the crossbow. Contact an established archery shop for assistance. Using anything other than an established archery shop or modifying the function of the crossbow in any way may render the crossbow unsafe and will void the warranty.

Arrow / Bolt Safety

CenterPoint Archery is committed to safe shooting practices. Hunting with arrows/bolts requires caution at all times to avoid personal injury, death or property damage. Arrows/bolts should always be inspected before each use for signs of damage. Impact with hard objects, other arrows/bolts or being shot into a game animal can all cause damage.

- **NEVER** use an arrow/bolt with any sign of damage. A cracked or split arrow/bolt can suffer catastrophic failure upon release and cause severe injury to yourself or others in the area.
- **ALWAYS** practice safe shooting.
- **NEVER** point your hunting tool at any person or property. An arrow/bolt can be accidentally discharged and cause death, personal injury or property damage.
- **NEVER** shoot an arrow/bolt without having full visual contact with the target and knowing what is behind the target.

To err on the side of caution is always the best course of action. Crosman is committed to safe shooting. Use good judgment in determining whether or not something is unsafe, incorrect, or there is a possibility of harm.

Inspect carbon arrows/bolts for damage prior to every shot

Impact with hard objects, other arrows/bolts or being shot into a game animal can all cause damage. Crosman recommends flexing each arrow/bolt and inspecting for any sign of cracks or splits before each use. Grasp the arrow firmly with both hands between the point and nock or bushing (on AIRBOW arrows only). Gently, twist, flex and squeeze the shaft and listen for cracking.

- **NEVER** use an arrow/bolt with any sign of damage. A cracked or split arrow/bolt can suffer catastrophic failure upon release and cause severe injury to yourself or others in the area.
- **ALWAYS** inspect your product, arrows/bolts and components prior to each use.

When hunting, the possibility of arrow/bolt damage increases significantly. This is due to the high likelihood of the arrow/bolt impacting various things (roots, trees, fences, posts, rocks, hard ground, bone, etc.), possible misuse (improper maintenance, abuse, or care), impact with other arrows/bolts, or the angle in which it impacts/passes through an animal. Damage to the arrow/bolt can result in sharp and/or splintered carbon fragments which are harmful to humans, especially if ingested. If there is ANY suspected carbon arrow/bolt damage please utilize the guidelines listed below:

1. Thoroughly inspect the entrance wound, exit wound, and surrounding area prior to removing the carbon arrow/bolt in order to determine whether or not there are splinters/fragments imbedded in the game animal.
2. Use extreme caution when removing the broken segments of the carbon arrow/bolt shaft.
3. While field dressing game animals, use care to avoid splinters/fragments of carbon fiber.
4. Carefully remove and dispose of any flesh that has the presence or suspected presence of carbon fiber splinters or fragments.