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Firearms Pānui



Kia ora tātou,

I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday period.

If you're getting ready to head away for holidays it's important to take time to consider how firearms and ammunition will be transported, stored, and used safely.

If you're looking to travel with firearms, or you'll be leaving them at home while you're away, now is a good time to start thinking about logistics, before heading off on that well-earned summer break.

Find top safety and security tips to have in mind over your holidays [here](#).

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Safe summer hunting - stay aware, stay visible

As hunters head out over the holiday period it is important to remember that there are many more users of the back country at this time of year.

Hunters, trampers, fishers and campers are all out and about over the summer months and they are often found in the same areas as game animals.

Hunters must fully identify their target, check their firing zone and follow the conditions of their permit or access agreement every single time. These rules are in place to keep everybody safe.

Hunters should wear high visibility clothing and make an extra effort to make themselves visible as a person at all times, particularly when carrying an animal.

A single mistake can have tragic consequences for everyone involved.



Great efforts by hunters in the National Goat Hunting Competition

Nearly 700 hunters entered the wild goat hunting competition, where more than 10,000 wild goats were shot.

The competition encouraged hunters to target wild goats and raised awareness of the damage they cause to New Zealand's precious native ecosystems and farmlands.

Te Tari Pūreke supported the competition, which was a joint endeavour by the Department of Conservation and the New Zealand Deerstalkers Association, and promoted safe hunting messages. Find results and more information [here](#).



Your local news

Keep an eye out in rural and community newspapers for essential summer safety messages.

Our summer safety and security editorial content has been sent out to 80 rural and community news papers around the country, getting security and safety messages out to the rural and farming communities.

Pictured: The Gisborne Herald, [Firearms security vital at home and away](#)

Firearms Community Advisory Forum minutes

You can find the minutes from the October Firearms Community Advisory Forum [here](#).

Keep up to date on the latest numbers

Firearms Registry

We have had more than 94,800 firearms registered since the Registry has been live. **Remember, the first time you have an activating circumstance you are required to record all arms items in your possession.**

Find out more about activating circumstances and ongoing events [here](#) or give our helpful registry team a call on 0800 844 431 (except public holidays).

Firearm licensing performance

Te Tari Pūreke is working to complete all firearms licence applications within three months (90 days).

However, it should be recognised that in some situations it will sometimes take longer than three months to arrange with applicants and complete parts of the process. For example, in-person interview, interviewing referees, and inspecting an applicant's storage facilities. **Find a summary of licensing performance below.**



Registry Update | 17 December
The Registry has been live for **176 days**

- Total Firearms Registered **94,885**
- Total Arms Items Registered **4,473**
- Total Licence Holders Registered **19,690 (8%)**

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Firearms licensing performance summary | November

Region	Applications completed within 90 days	
	October	November
Upper North Island	96%	96%
Lower North Island	91%	89%
Southern	89%	91%
Average	92%	92%

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Always point firearms in a safe direction

Last month our Firearms Pānui featured the video for rule one of our seven rules of firearms safety: treat every firearm as loaded. Our seven rules of safety videos have had **over 90,000 views** across Facebook and YouTube.

This month we have rule two: always point firearms in a safe direction. Remember, firearms should never be pointed at yourself or another person.

Check out the video for rule two and find the full series of safety videos [here](#).



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