



Chapter 1: Reloading 101

In presenting this manual, your safety is our paramount concern. Our objective is to provide the information you need to load excellent ammunition safely, and help you avoid new shooting “handles” such as Pinkie, One-eye, Stumpy, Three-fingered Jack, etc. Your objective is to build the highest quality ammunition in the most efficient manner possible with safety always the highest consideration. Just as quality is a function of rigorous attention to detail, your safety is also dependent upon strict adherence to correct habits and proper reloading procedures. Proper storage and handling of powder and primers is central to safe reloading. (See do’s and don’t’s for powder and primers and loading procedures in this chapter.) In general, the following rules and precautions must be observed every time you reload or handle components to minimize the risk of injury or lead exposure and insure quality results.

- **ALWAYS** wear eye protection.
- **NEVER** load or reload when fatigued, distracted or under the influence of any medication, drug or alcohol.
- **ELIMINATE** potential sources of ignition, such as heaters, electrical connections, and tobacco. (HEAT, SPARK, and FLAME)
- **ALWAYS** work in good lighting conditions and visually check each operation. If you don't see it, don't trust it.
- Use your equipment in accordance with the manufacturers instructions. Always seek knowledgeable assistance when you encounter problems or obtain unexpected results. **AN "EDUCATED GUESS" IS A HAZARDOUS DISPLAY OF IGNORANCE!**
- **ALWAYS** wash your hands after you handle components and **NEVER** eat or drink while reloading.
- **THINK AHEAD!** Plan your operations and anticipate potential problems before they occur.
- Keep powder, primers, and loaded ammunition **OUT OF THE REACH** of children and unauthorized adults.
- **DO NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM LOADS** listed in this or any other reloading manual. To do so could be extremely dangerous . Always cross check loading data provided by friends and fellow shooters with data provided by the manufacturer of the powder. If in doubt, don't use it, or call the manufacturer and seek their advice.
- **MAINTAIN A PROPER FIRE EXTINGUISHER** at the door of your reloading room or near your reloading area.
- **TAKE YOUR TIME, PAY ATTENTION AND WORK CAREFULLY. REMEMBER, SAFE PROCEDURES INSURE QUALITY RESULTS!**

