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ACTS & PROVE - A Method to Make Firearms Safe

During the Canadian Firearms Safety Course(s) the following method is used to reinforce safe gun handling. Every time someone picks up or unloads a gun, he/she will be expected to perform ACTS & PROVE. Students are trained to perform ACTS & PROVE on hinge, bolt, pump, lever and semi-automatic action long guns in the CFSC and on semi-automatic pistols as well as single and double action revolvers in the CRFSC.

THE VITAL FOUR ACTS OF FIREARMS SAFETY

- Assume every firearm is loaded.
- Control the muzzle direction at all times.
- Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard.
- See that the firearm is unloaded - **PROVE** it safe.

PROVE

- Point the firearm in the safest available direction.
- Remove all cartridges.
- Observe the chamber.
- Verify the feeding path.
- Examine the bore.

You can see ACTS & PROVE demonstrated online in the [Canadian Firearms Safety Course videos](#).