

★ The following departments will accept firearms temporarily for safety until a crisis has passed.

- * NYS Police
- * Ulster County Sheriff
- * Kingston City Police
- * Village of Ellenville Police
- * Town of New Paltz Police
- * Town of Plattekill Police
- * Town of Rosendale Police
- * Town of Saugerties Police
- * Town of Shandaken Police
- * Town of Shawangunk Police
- * Town of Ulster Police
- * Some Federal Firearms Licensed Dealers



**ULSTER COUNTY SPEAK:
SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION,
AWARENESS and KNOWLEDGE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
845-340-4110**

UlsterCountySPEAK.org

About SPEAK

Ulster County Department of Mental Health is the host agency for the Ulster County SPEAK Coalition. SPEAK is a collaboration of community agencies and county departments committed to building competency at the community level for the prevention of suicide. The UC SPEAK Coalition provides support to community groups, schools and others in the aftermath of a suicide through the provision of crisis responders, training and resources.



If a family member or a loved one is going through a difficult period (i.e. depression, a relationship break-up or a has a drug problem), make sure he/she can't get to your guns. To learn ways to get help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

1-800-273-TALK

Family of Woodstock, Inc. Hotline:
(845) 679-2485 or (845) 338-2370

UC Mobile Mental Health: 1-844-277-4820

PreventSuicideNY.org

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SPEAK COALITION

GUN SAFETY RULES



**11 ~~10~~ COMMANDMENTS
OF GUN SAFETY**

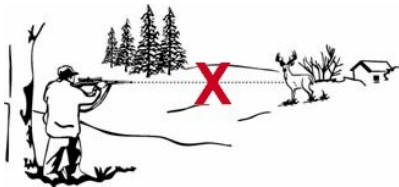
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The 11 Commandments of Gun Safety

1. **Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.** Always verify that firearm is unloaded and only load in a safe area.
2. **Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.** Be aware of the direction the firearm is pointed at all times. Only point at things you intend to shoot. No horseplay.
3. **Keep finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.** Finger should never rest on the trigger unless in the deliberate act of shooting.



4. **Be sure of your target and what is beyond.** Understand the performance of the firearm and ammunition. Have a backstop adequate to stop your bullet. Don't shoot over hills or the unknown.



5. **Know how to use your firearm safely.** Obtain proper instruction before shooting.
6. **Be sure gun is safe to operate.** While unloaded, verify muzzle is clear of obstruction and the gun is well maintained.



7. **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.** Understand what ammunition your gun requires and use only the appropriate size and type.
8. **Wear ear and eye protection as appropriate.** Shooting without protection is likely to cause long term injury.
9. **Never use firearms while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.** Guns and impairment are never a good mix.



10. **Store guns to prevent unauthorized access.** Many factors must be considered, but never store a loaded gun.



- ★ 11. **Consider additional safety precautions if a family member may be suicidal.** When an emotional crisis (such as a breakup, job loss, legal trouble) or a major change in someone's behavior (depression, violence or heavy drinking) causes concern, storing guns outside the home for a while may save a life. Some police departments or gun shops, may be able to store them for you until the situation improves.

