



PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Firearms and Hunting Safety Advisory

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(Kahnawake – 7, Kentenhkó:wa/November 2024) The Public Safety Division of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke is advising community members to exercise caution and adhere to safety protocols while hunting, following recent reports of firearms being discharged within close proximity of a residence.

As Kahnawà:ke continues to expand, the development of wooded areas has brought houses and businesses closer to locations previously frequented by local hunters. To ensure the safety of all residents, the Public Safety Division reminds firearm owners that high-powered rifles should only be used at a significant distance from any populated or developed areas.

Firearm owners are urged to stay vigilant and fully aware of their surroundings before discharging a weapon. Stray bullets can travel over one kilometer, posing serious risks if firearms are not handled with care.

For community members handling firearms, the following safety guidelines are emphasized:

- **Treat every firearm as if it is loaded**
- **Keep fingers straight and off the trigger until ready to fire**
- **Never aim at anything you do not intend to shoot**
- **Be fully aware of your target and what lies beyond it**

All firearm handling should be conducted in a secure manner by trained and licensed individuals. The Public Safety Division encourages everyone in the community to prioritize safety and responsibility in all hunting and firearms-related activities.

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