

COLORADO WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY

Title: **HUNTER EDUCATION**
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It is the Commission's intent that the Division of Wildlife provide an aggressive hunter education program. The goal of the program will be to graduate safe, knowledgeable, responsible and ethical hunters. The program will be funded primarily through monies received from the Pittman-Robertson federal aid program.

The primary purposes of the Division's hunter education program are to:

- a. Fulfill Colorado's statutory requirement that anyone born on or after January 1, 1949 must successfully complete a hunter education course before becoming eligible to obtain a firearms hunting license.
- b. Per Wildlife Commission Policy: Shooting Ranges, provide shooting ranges and/or opportunities for hunter safety and education and sport hunting purposes to enhance the proficiency in firearms and archery equipment use.
- c. Improve knowledge and responsibilities of hunters relating to their sport, to wildlife, to landowners and to the general public.

The primary functions to meet objectives of the statewide hunter education program will include:

- a. Coordination and administration of the statewide hunter education program.
- b. Preparation, development, improvement and distribution of training materials for training courses and assistance in establishing courses.
- c. Recruitment, training and certification of qualified instructors.
- d. Provision of or arranging for use of, adequate shooting range facilities.
- e. Development and evaluation of data for use in efforts to prevent hunting accidents.
- f. Recruitment, training and certification of students.
- g. Evaluation of applications and development of recommendations for grants for assistance in the maintenance and construction of shooting ranges.