



# Smith & Wesson

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## CENTERFIRE PISTOLS



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## SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL

## PRODUCT WARNING

### *All Smith & Wesson Pistols Capable of Double-Action Firing*

It has come to our attention that some users of Smith & Wesson pistols capable of firing in double-action, may "stage" the trigger in anticipation of firing a shot in the double-action mode. "Staging" is the act of pulling the trigger rearward toward—but just short of—the point where the hammer falls and the pistol fires. Such manipulation of the trigger can reduce the user's control of the handgun and can result in an unintentional discharge. Furthermore, if the user decides not to fire, release of the trigger from a position close to the firing point in the "staging" process could result in a discharge.

Obviously, "staging" the trigger violates a basic rule of firearm safety which warns you to keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to fire.

We warn all users of our pistols capable of firing in double-action to refrain from "staging" the trigger.

## SMITH & WESSON CENTERFIRE PISTOLS SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
AND WARNINGS CAREFULLY,  
BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND  
THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS  
BEFORE USING THIS FIREARM.**

This SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL should always accompany this firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership or when the firearm is loaned or presented to another person. A copy of the SAFETY, INSTRUCTION & PARTS MANUAL is available FREE upon request from:

**Smith & Wesson  
Product Service Department  
2100 Roosevelt Avenue  
Springfield, MA 01102**

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS

Smith & Wesson has designed the most reliable firearms available. Smith & Wesson firearms incorporate many safety features; however, safe gun handling is **your** personal responsibility. Firearms are dangerous. Firearms can cause serious injury and death. Safety must be the prime consideration of anyone who handles firearms. Always treat a firearm as though it were loaded. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

In owning a firearm, you must undertake full-time responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others against injury from the firearm. In particular, you must secure firearms from children.

Do not allow any alteration or replacement of parts in your Smith & Wesson firearm unless performed by a qualified gunsmith using genuine Smith & Wesson parts. If you do otherwise, improper functioning of your firearm and serious injury may result.

### WARNING:

**Warnings and instructions about the use of some Smith & Wesson component parts or accessories may be described in literature accompanying parts. In other cases, instructions specifying use of a part only in a particular handgun may actually be marked on the component part. Read and carefully follow the warnings and instructions. Such warnings and instructions are provided to assure the safe functioning of the handgun. Failure to heed them may result in improper functioning and serious injury.**

Any Smith & Wesson firearm is a precision instrument designed to function reliably with proper care and knowledgeable use. You must understand the safe operation and use of your Smith & Wesson firearm. Read and follow these instructions carefully. Do not use your firearm unless you fully understand these instructions and the safe operation of your firearm.

Many safety features are incorporated in your firearm. For your safety and the safety of others, do not rely on mechanical features alone. Only your safe gun-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility. Accidents do not just happen. Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe gun handling and common sense.

Insure the safe use of firearms. Follow these essential safety instructions and warnings.

## BASIC RULES

- NEVER point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Before handling any firearm, understand its operation.
- ALWAYS have your firearm pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your firearm unloaded when not in use.
- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Never pass your firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it is unloaded.
- Place your finger inside the trigger guard only when you are ready to fire.
- If you must carry a loaded firearm, ALWAYS carry it with the muzzle pointing in a safe direction. Never carry or store firearms with the hammer in the cocked position.
- DO NOT allow a firearm to be used by individuals who do not understand its safe operation and the rules of safe gun-handling.
- BE SURE all accessories, such as holsters and grips, are compatible with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation.
- When transporting your firearm, be sure your firearm is unloaded and that the cylinder or action is open.
- Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of your most important responsibilities. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.
- Store your firearm unloaded. Your firearm and ammunition should be stored separately and in places and in a manner inaccessible to children and unauthorized persons.
- Smith & Wesson has provided a lock for use with your firearm. There are also a variety of other locks and safe storage containers available in the marketplace which may be appropriate for your particular needs. By purchasing this firearm you have taken on the responsibility of safely securing the firearm at all times and preventing its unauthorized use. It is your personal responsibility to select and use whatever devices or practices that will enable you to safely secure your firearm at all times.
- You must be familiar with all local and state laws regarding the safe storage of your firearm. The failure to safely secure your firearm may result in unauthorized access to your firearm by another, as well as exposing you to both criminal and/or civil penalties.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond your target.

