

HUNTER CODE OF ETHICS

This is not an exhaustive list of ethics, but a starting point. Everyone has a different ethical code. Be respectful to the land, the wildlife, and the people of Vermont.

1. **Treat the natural areas, wildlife, plants, and their habitats with respect and care.**
2. **Follow the Fish and Wildlife Department's regulations and rules for where you are hunting.**
3. **Leave no trace/leave the area better than you found it.**
4. **Follow the four main rules of firearm safety.**
5. **Understand your limits- only shoot within your maximum effective range.**
6. **Avoid shooting a bear with cubs.**
7. **Wear a personal floatation device when hunting on the water.**
8. **Respect all outdoor users.**
9. **Respect property boundaries when accessing your hunting spots.**
10. **Promote responsible hunting to others and report all fish and wildlife violations.**



MORE INFORMATION

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

Phone: 802-828-1000 | E-mail: fwinformation@vermont.gov

Website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com



See a fish and wildlife violation?

Call the Operation Game Thief hotline 24/7. Your tip can remain anonymous.

Phone: 1-800-75ALERT (1-800-752-5378)

Vermont Warden Service:

Phone: 802-828-1483 or 802-828-1529

Contact Page: www.vtfishandwildlife.com/contact-a-warden

Vermont Hunter Education Program:

Phone: 802-828-1193

E-mail: huntereducation@vermont.gov

Vermont Hunting and Trapping Laws:

www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunting-regulations

Learn how to identify a bear with cubs:

www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/black-bear

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