

Dangerous Games...



Which is real ... and which is a toy replica?

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SAFETY TIPS WHEN USING LOOK-ALIKE GUNS

- **MOST IMPORTANT**: If a law enforcement officer approaches you while you are carrying any of these toy guns, immediately stop and follow his or her commands.
- Make sure everyone who can see you with this type of gun knows that you are playing a game and that it is a pneumatic gun (Airsoft, BB, or pellet gun). If a conflict arises, put the gun away and talk with the concerned party, preferably with an adult joining you.
- Remember that you must obey all laws when carrying or using these weapons. Be aware that there are differences between simply carrying or role playing with these weapons and actually firing them. Parents and children should fully understand the applicable laws to ensure that play is safe and legal.
- Respect other people's property and make sure you have permission from the property owner if you are going to engage in this type of play.

NEVER remove/alter the orange safety tip.

ALWAYS follow safety rules for firearms handling.

FOLLOW all instructions given by any law enforcement officer.

Remember, a police officer will always treat any visible weapon as a potential threat.



Together we can take the danger out of games!

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Virginia Code – Pneumatic Guns

Sec. 18.2-282. Pointing, holding, or brandishing firearm, air or gas operated weapon or object similar in appearance; penalty.

It shall be unlawful for any person to point, hold or brandish any firearm or any air or gas operated weapon or any object similar in appearance, whether capable of being fired or not, in such manner as to reasonably induce fear in the mind of another or hold a firearm or any air or gas operated weapon in a public place in such a manner as to reasonably induce fear in the mind of another of being shot or injured. However, this section shall not apply to any person engaged in excusable or justifiable self-defense. Persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor or, if the violation occurs upon any public, private or religious elementary, middle or high school, including buildings and grounds or upon public property within 1,000 feet of such school property, he shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony.

City of Fairfax Codes – Pneumatic Guns

Sec. 54-172. – Discharge of Firearms

It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any gun, pistol, or other firearm within the city, except:

- (1) By special permit issued by the city manager containing reasonable conditions or restrictions, upon written application showing good cause for the requested firing or discharge, and limited to guns, pistols, and other firearms loaded with a blank cartridge, or other ammunition, not resulting in the expulsion of a projectile;
or
- (2) On a shooting gallery or range authorized by the city; or
- (3) By any law enforcement officer in discharging his duties; or
- (4) For the lawful protection of person or property; or
- (5) As otherwise permitted by applicable law.

Sec. 54-173. – Use of pneumatic guns, slingshots

No person shall use within the city any instrument, including, but not limited to, pneumatic gun, slingshot or other similar instrument, for projecting missiles liable to do any injury to persons, property or wildlife. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer or animal control officer in discharging his duties. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person using pneumatic guns on or within private property with permission of the owner or legal possessor thereof when conducted with reasonable care to prevent a projectile from crossing the bounds of the property. If any person violates the provisions of this section relating to pneumatic guns, such person shall be guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.

As used in this section, “pneumatic gun” means any implement, designed as a gun, that will expel a BB or a pellet by action of pneumatic pressure. “Pneumatic gun” includes a paintball gun that expels by action of pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact.