

Safety plan
for
Trophy Hunting Greenland Aps hunting trips

Trophy hunting and wilderness living are potentially dangerous and safety is more important than anything else. So even though the hunt and the experience are important, it must never be at the expense of safety.

Terms in this safety plan are based on both safety and legal requirements.

You must always follow safety instructions from your guide.

The primary risks are:

- Use of firearms.
- Risk of getting lost in the mountains.
- Fall accidents
- Bad weather, especially cooling in winter.
- Breakdown of means of transport, especially in winter.

Use of firearms:

For all weapon handling of any kind, no weapon must be loaded at any time until the guide says, now you must load.

There must not be a cartridge in the chamber at any other time, and it is secondary to whether the weapon is secured.

Immediately after a loading and/or shooting situation, the chamber must be emptied again and the guide must check the weapon.

During hunting there can be cartridges in the magazine if the guide says its ok.

You may only shoot when the guide gives the OK, and only at the target designated by the guide.

You may not shoot or hunt alone without the guide, not even in the camp for target shooting or on game staying at the camp.

Weapons must never be pointed at any person, building, vehicle or similar at any time, even if you know the weapon is not loaded.

Violation of weapon safety may result in cancellation of the hunt without refund of payment.

Risk of getting lost in the mountains:

Everything looks the same out there when you don't know it, and if you go the wrong way there are no other people or help for the next 100 km.

So you must not walk alone in the mountains during the hunting trip, you must always be accompanied by a guide.

Your guide always carries an Inreach and can get in touch with the other guides and the management of THG Aps, just as an SOS can be sent to the rescue service.

If you are in the camp and do not go hunting, then you must not leave the camp, i.e. you must stay within 500 meters from the camp. If you've gone further away and need help, we won't be able to find you when we get back to camp from hunting.

This also means that you must not go back to camp alone from a hunt, if you are two hunters out with a guide and one can't go any further and has to go back to camp, then everyone goes back to camp.

Fall accidents:

You are never out alone without a guide, so if you fall and get hurt and can't go back to camp, the guide can alert the rescue service.

But remember evacuation is at your own expense, so make sure you have insurance.

Bad weather, especially cooling in winter:

Your guide always knows the weather forecast, and if it looks like such bad weather that it could be a safety problem, then it may be necessary to stay in the camp, or only look for game in the immediate vicinity of the camp.

It is generally only in winter that it can be a problem, in case of extreme cold (minus 40 C) we cannot move further from the camp than everyone can walk back.

We also cannot leave the camp if there is rime fog, or strong winds with blowing snow, which make navigation in the mountains impossible. Partly we can get lost, partly the rescue service cannot find us in an emergency.

Breakdown of means of transport, especially in winter:

In winter, we drive ATVs and/or snowmobiles from the camp out to the hunting area. As with all technology, equipment can break down. We always bring tools and jumper cables etc. So we can make minor repairs during the trip.

We never go out with just one vehicle if we are further than a few km from the camp. There are always at least two vehicles and associated sleds for passenger transport, so in the event of a breakdown we can still get everyone back to camp safely. Usually we use 3 vehicles.

In the event that all vehicles break down, we can always alert the rescue service who can send a helicopter.

For summer transport to hunting areas by car or ATV, we can always call for help, and this will not be associated with any safety risk.