

## The Hunter's Role in Resource Management:

Hunters play an important role in resource management. Responsible hunters:

- Practice safe hunting
- Treat all property with respect and leave areas better than when they found it
- Respect wildlife
- Report wildlife violations
- Make fair and safe choices
- Respect the privileges and rights of all people who use the outdoors.

Remember, hunting is a privilege, not a right. Being a responsible hunter means knowing the laws, areas open to hunting, bag limits and seasons in the location that you plan to hunt.



## Enjoy the Outdoors Safely:

Observe these seven basic survival rules to enjoy the outdoors safely:

1. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return
2. Never hunt alone
3. Carry extra food and water
4. Familiarize yourself with the area you are hunting before heading out
5. Wear proper clothing and carry proper equipment
6. Plan your hunt so you can return before dark
7. Carry a first aid and survival kit, and know how to use them.

## Hunter Education Program:

### Island of Oahu:

1130 N. Nimitz Hwy, A-212  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
No. (808) 587-0200  
Fax: (808) 587-0205

### Island of Hawaii:

66-1220D Lalamilo Road  
Kamuela, HI. 96743  
Toll Free: 1-800-353-4868  
Fax: (808) 887-6052

### Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement (DOCARE)

#### Island of Oahu

Kalanimoku Building  
1151 Punchbowl St., Rm.311  
Honolulu, HI. 96813  
(808) 578-0166 (DOFAW)  
(808) 587-0077 (DOCARE)

#### Island of Maui

State Office Building  
54 South High St., R. 101  
Wailuku, HI. 96793  
(808) 984-8100 (DOFAW)  
(808) 984-8110 (DOCARE)

#### Island of Hawaii

195 E. Kawili St.  
P.O. Box 4849  
Hilo, HI. 96720  
(808) 974-4221 (DOFAW)  
(808) 974-6208 (DOCARE)

#### Island of Molokai

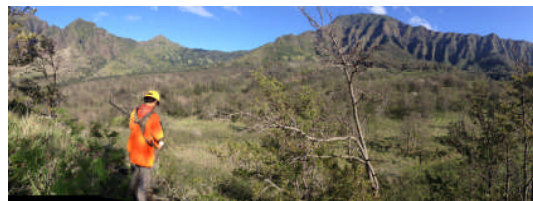
P.O. Box 342  
Kaunakakai, HI. 96748  
(808) 553-1745 (DOFAW)  
(808) 553-5190 (DOCARE)

#### Island of Kauai

State Office Building  
3060 Eiwa St. Rm. 306  
Lihue, HI. 96766  
(808) 274-3433 (DOFAW)  
(808) 274-3521 (DOCARE)

#### Island of Lanai

911 Fraser Ave.  
Lanai City, HI. 96763  
(808) 565-7916  
(DOFAW & DOCARE)



Report all game law violators to your island DOCARE office. After hours, weekends, and holidays, call the [Conservation Hotline](#) at: (808) 643-3567 on Oahu.



*To educate resource users in becoming responsible, conservation-minded, and safety conscious.*

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## Getting Started: FAQs

### Q: Who needs to take the Hunter Education Course?

**A:** Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §183D-28, Anyone born after December 31, 1971 or before January 1, 1972 and has never possessed a State of Hawaii hunting license (issued prior to July 1, 1990) or cannot show proof of having possessed said license, **is required to take a Hunter Education Course in order to purchase a hunting license.**

### Q: What is a Letter of Exemption, and who may be issued one?

**A:** Pursuant to HRS §183D-28, a Letter of Exemption will allow you to purchase a hunting license, provided you have met the following conditions: you were born before January 1, 1972 and can show proof of possessing a State of Hawaii hunting license issued prior to July 1, 1990. If you have completed a basic hunter education course from another state that is approved by the International Hunter Education Association and can show proof of successfully completing that course in the form of a certificate or wallet card, you are also exempt from taking the Hunter Education Course in Hawaii.

Letter of Exemption applications are available online at: [dlnr.hawaii.gov/huntered](http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/huntered), the Hunter Education Program office, and any Division of Forestry and Wildlife office.

Bowhunter/Advanced Bowhunter Courses, National Rifle Association (NRA) courses, Military/Law Enforcement training, and hunting licenses issued by other states, Canadian Provinces or other countries do not qualify for exemption.

### Q: What is the difference between a hunting license and the Hunter Education Certification?

**A:** Your Hunter Education Certification is what you receive upon satisfactorily completing the Hawaii Hunter Education Course. **It is not a hunting license.** You must purchase a hunting license in order to hunt in Hawaii. Hunting licenses are based on the fiscal year, and they expire every year on June 30<sup>th</sup>, regardless of the date of issue.

## What is there to Hunt in Hawaii?

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is working to increase hunting opportunities in Hawaii. Conservation, or wise use, of our resources involves education, management, and enforcement. Prior to hunting, hunters should check with their district offices for updated hunting and access information as well as ongoing management activities.

Summary of Game Mammals and Birds by Island

Game	Kauai	Oahu	Molokai	Lanai	Maui	Hawaii
Axis Deer			X	X		
Black-Tailed Deer	X					
Mouflon				X		X
Feral Sheep						X
Feral Goat	X	X	X		X	X
Ring-Necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X	X	X
Green Pheasant	X	X		X	X	X
Kalij Pheasant						X
Gray Francolin	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black Francolin	X	X	X		X	X
Erckel's Francolin	X	X		X		X
Chukar	X	X	X	X	X	X
California Quail	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gambel's Quail		X		X		X
Chestnut-Bellied Sandgrouse						X
Mourning Dove						X
Spotted Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zebra Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wild Turkey			X	X	X	X

For detailed summaries see:

Chapter 122-Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting

Chapter 123-Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting

Available online at: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/>

## Important Hunting Information to Remember:

- A valid Hawaii Hunting License is required to hunt on both public and private land.
- Hunting on public land is permitted from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- Hunters and hunting assistants are required to check in and check out at established checking stations.
- Permitted hunting arms for game mammals **without dogs**: any cartridge firing rifle with a minimum of 1,200 foot pounds of muzzle energy, shotguns with 00 buckshot or larger or rifled slugs, and muzzleloading rifles of .44 caliber or larger. **With dogs**: all of the above, plus rimfire.22 magnum rifles, and knives and spears. The minimum draw weight for bows are: 30lbs for compound bows, 35lbs for recurve bows, and 40lbs for longbows.
- Hunters must wear a solid blaze orange exterior garment in hunting areas where firearms are permitted.

**It is your responsibility as a hunter to know the law! Read it for yourself at:**

<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/>

