



MASSWILDLIFE

Massachusetts Hunter Education Program

Hunting Laws & Regulations

- What is a right? What is a privilege?

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- What is a right? What is a privilege?
- Is hunting a right or a privilege?

Objectives

At the end of this lesson, you will be able to...

- explain why hunting laws and regulations are important;
- locate information regarding hunting regulations by using an official resource;
- and explain the importance of wearing hunter orange to prevent hunting-related shooting incidents.

“To Hunt...”

M.G.L. c131, S. 1

“The verb ‘to hunt’, in all of its moods and tenses, includes pursuing, shooting, killing, and capturing mammals and birds and all lesser acts such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing or using any device commonly used to take mammals and birds, whether or not such acts result in taking; and includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to any other person in taking or attempting to take mammals and birds.”

“Why do hunting laws exist?”

There are four reasons...

NO HUNTING
SAFETY ZONE



“Why do hunting laws exist?”

There are four reasons...

- Protect people
- Protect wildlife
- Ensure fair distribution
- Ensure fair chase



“Where do they come from?”

There are 3 sources of hunting laws...

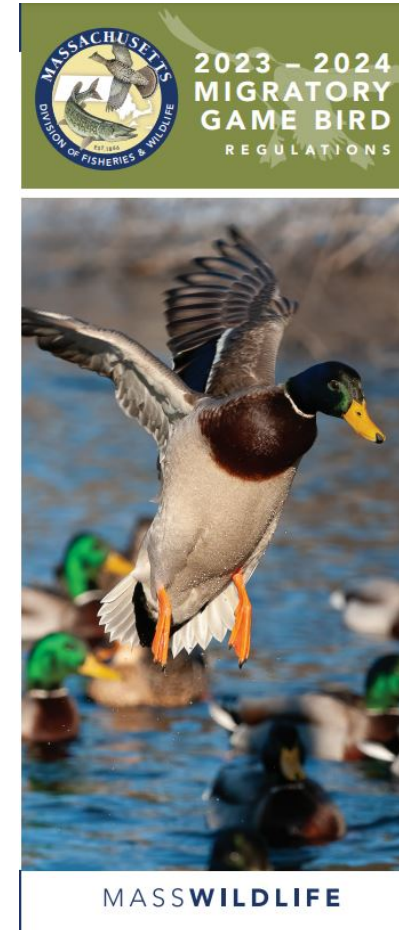
“Where do they come from?”

There are 3 sources of hunting laws...

- Federal
- State
- Municipal



“How do you find these laws?”



Group exercise

1. White-tailed Deer during the shotgun season in Zone 10
2. Coyotes in Zone 8
3. Ducks on the coast
4. Black Bear in September
5. Wild Turkey in the Spring in Zone 3
6. Pheasant on a wildlife management area
7. White-tailed Deer during the archery season in Zone 8
8. Gray Squirrels in Zone 10

Summary

- What is the difference between a right and a privilege?
- What are the 4 reasons we have hunting laws?
- What are the 3 sources of hunting laws?