

Walmart to stop selling handgun ammunition

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NEW YORK — Walmart says it will discontinue the sale of handgun ammunition and also publicly request that customers refrain from openly carrying firearms in stores even where state laws allow it.

The announcement comes just days after a mass shooting claimed seven lives in Odessa, Texas and follows two other back-to-back shootings last month, one of them at a Walmart store.

The Bentonville, Arkansas-based discounter said Tuesday it will stop selling short-barrel and handgun ammunition after it runs out

of its current inventory. It will also discontinue handgun sales in Alaska, marking its complete exit from handguns and allowing it to focus on hunting rifles and related ammunition only.

"We have a long heritage as a company of serving responsible hunters and sportsmen and women, and we're going to continue doing so," according to a memo by Walmart's CEO Doug McMillon that will be circulated to employees Tuesday afternoon.

Walmart is further requesting that customers refrain from openly carrying firearms at its

stores unless they are law enforcement officers. Last month, a gunman entered a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas and killed 22 people using an AK-style firearm that Walmart already bans the sale of. Texas became an open carry state in 2016, allowing people to openly carry firearms in public.

Walmart's moves will reduce its market share of ammunition from around 20% to a range of about 6% to 9%, according to Tuesday's memo. About half of its more than 4,000 U.S. stores sell firearms.

The nation's largest retailer has been facing in-

creasing pressure to change its gun policies by gun control activists, employees and politicians after the El Paso shooting and a second unrelated shooting in Dayton, Ohio that killed nine people. A few days before that, two Walmart workers were killed by another worker at a store in Southaven, Mississippi.

In the aftermath of the El Paso shooting, Walmart ordered workers to remove video game signs and displays that depict violence from stores nationwide. But that fell well short of demands for the retailer to stop selling firearms entirely.

MONEY

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new car? Did you just get hit with a big medical bill? Now's the time to figure out how that fits into your financial plan.

—Thorn: Talk openly and honestly about any challenges getting in the way of your goals.

—Earth: This is the big picture stuff — your goals and visions for the future, and any steps you need to take to achieve them.

Stick to your time, even if you don't get to everything on your agenda. Bet-

ter to carry things over than to carry on for hours, getting tired and frustrated as the meeting drags on.

"You're not going to solve everything in the first meeting, or the third, or maybe even the 10th," O'Keefe says. "Write down the things you still need to talk about and come away from each meeting with an action plan."

3. SET THE MOOD

Turn off your phones. Turn off the TV. Turn on some music. Pour yourselves a drink — wine, beer, White Claw, you pick. Sit down next to each other and talk.

"You want to get into the good vibes

of your relationship unit," Mattenson says. "Sitting next to each other, it's like the two of you working together on an issue, rather than against each other."

Agree to be honest, kind and judgment-free. And be attentive to any tension bubbling up. If you're getting tense or your partner is getting defensive, call a timeout. Acknowledge the tension, defuse it (a hug does wonders, Mattenson says) and get back to your agenda.

"If you get into negative talk, pause and go back to kind words," Mattenson says. "Remind yourselves that the most important thing is the relationship and that you're in it together."

STATION

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Station will serve lunches starting at 11 a.m. and dinners in the restaurant between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. The bar will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Although the Smiths are starting out with lunches and dinners, "We're going to introduce a breakfast menu beginning Sept. 7 and 8,"

Randy said.


The Elgin Station currently employs 15 part-time workers, 14 of whom live in Elgin. They are also hiring Oscar Tenario of Eugene as their kitchen manager. He will be joining the staff the first week of September.

"We're always looking for good people," Randy said.

The Elgin Station may be reached during business hours at 541-437-0100, and, Phill added, they will be open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas.


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