

General Reloading

Why are reduced loads potentially dangerous?

There are several reasons. 1. Reduced charges of slow burning powders will not generate enough initial pressure to expand the case to seal the chamber; this allows the gas to flow around the case and into the rifles action and possibly the shooters face. 2. Reduced charges do not fill the case and depending on the powders position in the case, may allow the force from the primer to move the bullet into the bore before the powder starts to burn. This plugs the bore and can cause a catastrophic pressure spike when the powder does ignite. 3. A load that is not adequate to expel the bullet from the barrel can cause a bulged or burst barrel if another round is shot behind it.

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