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On a film set, a real-life tragedy has happened.

**Police say US actor Alec Baldwin fired a prop gun** that killed cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and wounded director Joel Souza on a film set in New Mexico. They were working on the film Rust.

Tributes have been paid to Ms Hutchins, 42, while Mr Baldwin is said to be distraught. One local paper found him in tears outside Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office.

An investigation is under way and we don't yet know what went wrong. A spokesman for Mr Baldwin said there had been an accident on the set involving the misfire of a prop gun with blanks.

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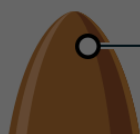
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## What is a blank cartridge.

A blank cartridge is the same as a live round, except it does not have a projectile or bullet at its tip

Live

Blank



Projectile or bullet



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gun.

After Lee was shot, the cameras kept rolling. It was only when he did not get up at the end of the scene that those on set realised something was wrong.

In another incident, in 1984, US actor Jon-Erik Hexum started joking around on the set of a television show after being frustrated by delays in filming.

He loaded a revolver with a blank, spun the chamber, put the gun to his temple and fired.

Unlike Lee, he was not killed by a projectile, but rather the force of the blast was strong enough to knock him out.

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Hexum's death was a tragedy, but they pack enough to make it a movie.

Adding to the tragedy, the film is stronger.

Film sets usually have a lot of weapons provide weapons.

"There's basic safety rules who has worked on the set.

"You never point a gun at anyone how this could be a serious damage."

A common safety rule is who has worked on the set happens with a gun.

"If you are in the line of fire, you would stand behind a Perspex screen, and you would minimise the number of people by the camera," he said.

"What I don't understand in this instance is how two people have been injured, one tragically killed, in the same event."

Others working in film wondered why, at a time when gun effects can be cheaply added using computers, blanks are still being used at all.

"There's no reason to have guns loaded with blanks or anything on set



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anymore. Should just be fully outlawed," [tweeted Craig Zobel](#), an actor and director whose credits include Westworld and Mare of Easttown.




**"Prop guns are guns," TV writer David Slack tweeted.** "Blanks have real gunpowder in them. They can injure or kill - and they have. If you're ever on a set where prop guns are treated without proper caution and safe handling, walk away.

"No show or shot is worth risking people's lives," he added.

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