

Safety Rules

1. **Treat all guns as if loaded.**
2. **Never point the gun at anything you are not willing to destroy.**
3. **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made the decision to shoot.**
4. **Be sure of your target and what's beyond.**

Absolutely no alcohol or drugs. If an instructor even smells alcohol, you will not be allowed to participate in range training. If you are taking a prescription medication that may affect your coordination or decision-making processes, you will not be allowed to participate in range training. Please inform the instructor immediately if you have any physical impairments that might affect your ability to perform the drills safely.

Cold Range: During this class, we will run a cold range. This means no firearms will be loaded except right up on the firing line, and then only with the instructor's approval. If you brought a loaded firearm to the range with you today, please leave it in your holster without touching it until you have received direction from the instructor.

No handling firearms anywhere except right up on the firing line. This means in the classroom, behind the line, at your cars, or anywhere else on the property. If you brought your firearm with you in a holster, please leave it in the holster until given further direction from the instructor. If you brought your firearm with you in a bag, please bring the entire bag with you to the firing line. We will gear up together with everyone on the line, under the direct supervision of the instructor.

Do not bend over or "go to the ground" with a gun in your hand. If you drop something, leave it on the ground until all guns are safely holstered. Do not bend over to pick up your dropped items until the instructor has given you permission to do so.

Finger off trigger. Keep your finger off the trigger and indexed high on the frame of the gun unless you are in the very act of firing the gun with the muzzle aligned on target.

Ceasefire! If at any point you believe an unsafe condition exists—whether it is the absence of safety gear, the action of another student, the layout of the range, or any other aspect that could affect safety—call out "CEASEFIRE! CEASEFIRE!" in a loud voice, and continue the call until everyone on the line has heard and heeded it. If you hear another student or an instructor calling "CEASEFIRE!" *immediately* remove your finger from the trigger, bring your firearm to the low ready, and stand motionless until the instructor has assessed the situation and given further directions.

Safe muzzle direction. Regardless of the gun's loaded or unloaded status, ***never allow it to point at any human being;*** not at yourself, not at any other student, and not at the instructor. During class, the instructor will tell you which directions are considered safe at the facility in use. Nevertheless, it is ***YOUR*** responsibility to ensure that your firearm does not endanger anyone, and that means ***YOU*** must always look for yourself to be certain you have a true target with a solid backstop, and that no unsafe conditions exist.

Violation of any of these rules may result in your immediate dismissal from the class. No refunds will be given.

Signature _____

Witness _____

Date _____

(Student Copy: Retain for your records.)

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