

## RANGE SAFETY RULES

**Safety is number 1; it is the most important aspect of firearms handling and training.**

1. **Treat all firearms as though they are loaded.** Never give a firearm to, or take a firearm from anyone unless the cylinder or action is open. Physically and visually inspect the weapon to ensure the firearm is unloaded. (If the cylinder or action is closed, the firearm is to be considered **loaded and dangerous**).
2. **Never point a firearm at anyone or anything that you don't intend to shoot or destroy.**
3. The Golden Rule. **Never place your finger on the trigger until you are ready to fire.** Always ensure that your sights or muzzle is on target and you have made the decision to fire.
4. **Always be sure of the target and what is beyond it before firing the firearm.**
5. Any person on the range can call for a cease fire. This is an "Echo Command." The order must be repeated loudly and obeyed immediately by all shooters.
6. Pay strict attention to the Rangemaster and follow his/her orders promptly and to the letter, and never anticipate a command on the range.
7. Do not handle or manipulate any firearm (handguns remain in the holster) until instructed or cleared to handle by the Rangemaster. Dry firing is permissible only when given the command to do so by the Rangemaster.
8. Never stand on or near the firing line without safeguarding your hearing and eyesight by using ear and eye protection.
9. Be sure there are no obstructions in the barrel of a firearm before loading.
10. Load your firearm only when given the command to do so by the Rangemaster.
11. Never fire obsolete or damaged ammunition.
12. Keep an un-holstered firearm pointed down range in the direction of your target at all times.
13. In case of a misfire/malfunction, keep the firearm pointed down range in the direction of your target. Never fire a succeeding round when either ammunition or firearm has malfunctioned. Raise your support hand and wait or summon assistance.
14. Never lower the muzzle of any firearm at less than a 45-degree angle to the target except when holstering or in an approved 'Ready' position and only when instructed during a course of fire. Never raise the muzzle of any firearm above your target. Never shoot outside of the left and right lateral limits of the range.
15. Do not bend over and pick up anything you may drop while on the firing line. Raise your support hand and wait or summon assistance. Never turn around on the firing line unless directed by the Rangemaster.
16. Never go in front of the line of fire until the Rangemaster has cleared the firing line and the command is given to go forward. This is an "Echo Command" and "Down Range" is repeated loudly by all shooters.
17. Absolutely no running while at the range.
18. Absolutely no smoking, eating, drinking, or talking on the firing line.
19. No attire will be removed or discarded on the firing line. (Hats, coats, glasses, etc.)
20. All live rounds must be turned into the Range Training Staff upon completion of the range training, prior to leaving the range area.

I have read and fully understand each of the above-mentioned Range Safety Rules on this date. I also understand that severe or repeated violations of these Range Safety Rules will be grounds for removal from the firing line or the firearms program.

NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE