



Firearms Safety Briefing



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Administrative



- ⌘ Cell phones on mute/vibrate
- ⌘ **No live ammunition allowed in the classroom**
- ⌘ Breaks

Agenda



- ❧ Firearms Safety Review
- ❧ Ammunition Safety Review
- ❧ Accidents versus Negligence
- ❧ Shooting Fundamentals
- ❧ Firearms Malfunctions
- ❧ Shooting Range Safety
- ❧ Next Steps/Resources
- ❧ Range Time - SIRT and Live Fire

Firearms Safety Review



- ❧ The gun is ALWAYS loaded
- ❧ Muzzle always pointed in a safe direction
- ❧ Finger off the trigger until sights are on target and you are ready to shoot
- ❧ Be aware of your target, what's behind it, and what is between you and the target

Ammunition Safety Review



❧ Proper ammunition for your gun

❧ How do you tell?

❧ Factory loaded versus hand loaded

❧ Why would this matter?



Accidents versus Negligence

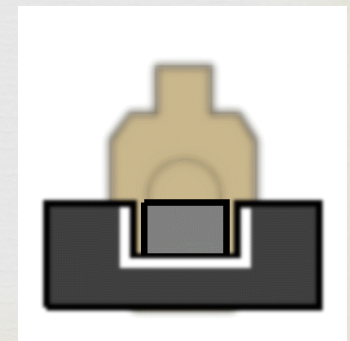
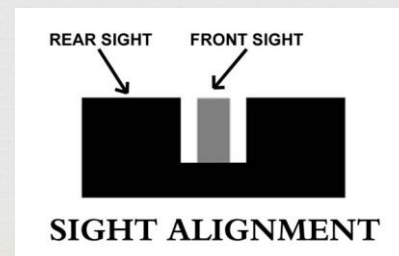
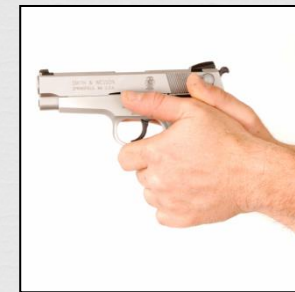


- ❧ There are NO accidents when it comes to unintentional firearms discharges
- ❧ If a gun goes off when it was not intended to, it was caused by NEGLIGENCE
- ❧ Know the safety rules, know how your firearm operates, and know your environment
- ❧ Keep your head in the game...

Shooting Fundamentals



- ∞ Grip
- ∞ Stance
- ∞ Hold control
- ∞ Aiming
 - ∞ Sight alignment
 - ∞ Sight picture
- ∞ Breath control
- ∞ Trigger control
- ∞ Follow through



Firearms Malfunctions



❧ Failure to Fire (or fail to fire correctly)

❧ Misfire

❧ Hangfire

❧ Squib Load

Firearms Malfunctions



❧ Failure to Eject (Stove Pipe)



Firearms Malfunctions



❧ Failure to Extract/Feed (Double Feed)



Firearms Malfunctions



❧ Out of Battery

❧ Bulged ammunition case

❧ Wrong ammunition

❧ Other blockage in barrel or chamber

❧ You're riding the slide forward again ;)

Shooting Range Safety



- ❧ Hot Range/Cold Range
 - ❧ Hot Range - Cleared to Fire!
 - ❧ Must have acknowledgement of ALL people present
 - ❧ Cold Range - NO Gun Handling!
 - ❧ Must have acknowledgement of ALL people present
 - ❧ Gun on bench or shooting mat
 - ❧ Gun UNLOADED
 - ❧ Safety ON
 - ❧ Magazine OUT
 - ❧ Action OPEN
- ❧ Everyone is a Range Safety Officer!
- ❧ Eye and ear protection required

Shooting Range Safety



- ❧ Cease Fire!
 - ❧ Anyone can call Cease Fire at any time
 - ❧ Stop shooting IMMEDIATELY
 - ❧ Keep gun pointed downrange
 - ❧ Clear and safe your firearm

- ❧ No alcohol or smoking on the range

- ❧ Check with the range operators regarding their policy on service animals

- ❧ Use only approved targets

- ❧ Shoot only approved calibers in designated areas

Next Steps



- ❧ Advanced/continuous training
- ❧ Project Appleseed
- ❧ IDPA and other defensive pistol matches
- ❧ Shooting leagues
- ❧ Professional reading and memberships
- ❧ AirSoft
- ❧ SIRT Training

Resources



- ❧ Colorado Revised Statutes:
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/colorado/>
- ❧ Advanced Training:
<http://www.makhairagroup.com>
- ❧ Larimer County Sheriff Concealed Handgun Permit Process: <http://larimersheriff.org/resource/concealed-handgun-permit>
- ❧ US Concealed Carry Association:
<https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/>