

Range Safety Briefing

Review Gun Safety Basic Rules & General Rules

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

- This is the most crucial rule. A safe direction is one where an accidental discharge would cause no harm.
- Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- Always maintain muzzle control, even when handling an unloaded gun.

2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

- Rest your finger alongside the gun's frame and outside the trigger guard.
- The trigger is only for firing. Having your finger off the trigger prevents an accidental discharge if you trip, are surprised, or if a child or pet interacts with the firearm.

3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

- A firearm is unloaded when its action is open, and the chamber is empty.
- Always check to confirm the gun is unloaded before handing it to another person.
- Be certain the firearm is unloaded before cleaning, storing it, or taking it out of the field.

4. Always be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

- Positively identify your target before firing.
- Know the terrain and ensure there is a safe backstop that can stop the bullet.
- Be aware of the area beyond your target, as bullets can travel long distances