

Range Procedures/Rules

Southern Firearms Training, LLC. asks that each student follow these safety guidelines for any live fire/range training.

Firearm Safety Rules:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until the weapon is ready pointed at the target and you have decided to fire.
- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

Arrival at the Range:

- Do not bring a loaded firearm to the range.
- Keep your firearm in case until you are instructed to remove it.
- Once instructed to remove your firearm from the case, immediately transfer it to a holster (if applicable).
- Do not draw your handgun from your holster until instructed to do so.
- You may load magazines at any time – your handgun must remain in the holster.

On the Firing Line:

- Before any exercise begins, you will be asked if you have any questions.
- If there are no questions, you will be told to “Load and Make Ready.”
- When the signal is given, commence the exercise (begin firing).
- After the exercise is complete, you will be told to “unload and show clear.” Unload the firearm, visually inspect the chamber and magazine well. Show clear to the instructor. Once the instructor confirms the firearm is clear, the command “slide forward, hammer down” will be given. Release the slide and dry-fire the pistol in a safe direction (toward the target). Then holster the firearm.
- Once everyone on the firing line is holstered, the Instructor will indicate the range is clear and you can move off the line.

Malfunctions:

- If your firearm malfunctions or you have a problem on the firing line, DO NOT TURN AROUND! Keep your firearm pointed towards the target and raise your non-shooting hand. An Instructor will come to assist.
- If you drop something on the firing line, do not lean down to pick it up. Wait until firing has stopped and all firearms are holstered.
- If the instructor yells “STOP!!”, cease all firing, Keep your firearm pointed at the target and wait further instructions. It is likely the instructor noticed something unsafe and must address it.

If you are unsure about a procedure or exercise, please ask questions. We are there to assist you.