

# Firearms Safety Rules: 4 ESSENTIAL Rules You Always Need To Follow!

Hello, RDSshooters here...

Owning and handling a firearm is an EMENSE responsibility.

A gun is a tool that, if mishandled, can obviously be extremely dangerous to you or those around you...

HOWEVER, it is absolutely possible (and very necessary) to handle firearms in a SAFE manner.

Therefore, today I'm going to share with you the four primary rules of firearm safety.

So, if you're a new shooter or just trying to improve your overall gun safety....

give me your full attention right now, and I'll teach you how to safely handle any firearm...

## Rule 1: All Guns Are Always Loaded!

I know what you're thinking... *That's a lie!*

Well, technically you're correct. All guns are not always loaded...

However, you need to treat every single gun as if it is loaded ALL THE TIME!

There are no exceptions to this rule! Even if you "know" it's unloaded.

Too many people have "known" their gun was empty, only to be surprised by a *BANG!* letting them know they completely wrong about the condition of their gun.

And all it takes is one accidental discharge to change your life forever in the worst of ways...

So ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS treat every gun as if it is loaded, even when you've checked it and cleared it several times.

This is the most fundamental of all firearm safety rules, and without this as your starting point, it's difficult to fully understand the importance of several other gun handling rules.

## Rule 2: Always Point Your Firearm In A Safe Direction!

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When you are following Rule Number 1 (*treating your firearm as if it is loaded*), you naturally need to point your gun in a safe direction AT ALL TIMES.

Now, if you're out shooting, then the easiest and safest direction is always down range.

However, pointing a gun down range, simply isn't possible when you're handling a firearm outside of a shooting range.

So, there are a few options that I want you to keep in mind when you're trying to determine which direction to point your gun.

Depending on the situation you're in, it might be best to point your gun toward the sky...

However, there are a couple of things to consider:

- You are possibly endangering aircraft.
- If a round is fired up, it must eventually come down somewhere.

Additionally, you can point your firearm at the ground directly in front of you, which is usually a pretty smart option.

However, there are times when this might not be the best option, like if you're on the 2nd floor of a building with many people below you.

Prudence is absolutely necessary here, and you'll need to use your best judgement to determine the best direction to be pointing your firearm at any given time.

You NEVER want to point your gun at anything you are not prepared to destroy, and even allowing your muzzle to cross another person for a second is completely unacceptable.

To really accomplish this, you need to practice it and develop a sixth sense of always knowing exactly where the end of your gun is pointing...

And stay vigilant with this because if your gun is never pointing at another person, it simply cannot do them harm.

## **Rule 3: Keep Your Finger Straight And Off The Trigger!**

One of the easiest ways to spot a person who is new to shooting, is to watch them pick up their gun and immediately see their finger go on to the trigger.

I say this not to mock any new shooters, I just want you to learn to be safe so that you can truly

enjoy your firearm.

What you need to realize here is that guns do not magically go off on their own...

They require manipulation of the trigger in order to fire, and if your finger is not touching the trigger, the gun cannot go off.

So, where do you keep your finger if your holding the gun but not shooting?

You keep your finger straight and press it above the trigger guard along the stock or frame of your firearm.

When you've aligned your sights on target and made the conscious decision to shoot you can lower your finger on to the trigger and press it to fire your gun.

This is called finger discipline, and it's necessary to constantly practice this technique to ensure that you are safely handling your firearm.

### **Rule 4: Be Aware Of Your Target And What Is Beyond!**

Many people develop a sort of tunnel vision when their really trying to focus on something, like aiming at a target.

But when you're shooting, you need to be cognizant of what your target is and what's going on behind it.

Some targets are not safe to shoot. For example, things that are extremely hard like big rocks and jagged metal can cause ricochets.

So you're going to want to stick to proper targets such as paper targets, AR500 steel, and traditionally fun things that are not dangerous like soda cans and bottles.

Additionally, you want to pay attention to what lies beyond your target.

You always want to have some for of back stop, either a berm or a hill that will catch all of your bullets because you're accountable for every shot fired...

So, its of paramount importance that you make sure every single shot lands in a safe place, and nothing is ever fired from your gun in an irresponsible way.

If you make the four firearm safety rules the first thing you think about when handling your gun, your be able to stay completely safe and truly enjoy the hobby and sport of shooting!

## **The Next Step...**

Now that you've successfully learned how to safely handle your firearm, you need to learn how to properly shoot it!

The best way to learn is of course by practicing, however there are certain skills to focus on when you go out to practice.

So, if you are a new shooter, I recommend you check out my article on [how to improve your shooting by clicking this link](#).

It'll give you an understanding of the basics, and you should be able to start popping targets with ease in no time.

Farewell, and have fun on the range!

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