

Basic Pistol



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Description

A pistol, or handgun, is a firearm designed to be fired while being held in one hand. While such firearms are small and compact, they can be the hardest to learn.

The Basic Pistol course can be as short as ten hours. In it students will get the NRA's *The Basics of Pistol Shooting* handbook and intensive lessons in safety, gun handling, the various types of pistols, the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, various pistol firing positions, several practical exercises on the firing range, cleaning, storage, and a summary of pistol sports and activities.

Course Goal

“To teach the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and using a pistol safely.”

— [NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course Lesson Plans](#)

Lessons

1. Pistol Knowledge and Safe Gun Handling
2. Ammunition Knowledge and Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting
3. Firing the First Shots (includes cleaning and storage)
4. Two-handed and One-handed Standing Shooting Positions
5. Pistol Sports and Activities

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for taking this course, and the material is accessible to appropriately supervised mature children.

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Bring to the Course

Students are required to bring the following supplies with them to class. These are all basic necessities every shooter needs to have in his or her possession, both for your safety while shooting, as well as for maintaining and storing your firearm. No V-neck shirts for either male or female participants.

- A Good Learning Attitude
- Pencils or Pens
- Paper or Notebook with stiff backing for taking notes
- Hearing Protection
- Eye Protection

Course Completion

Students will receive feedback on the live-fire exercise and a course certificate upon successful completion of the lessons. Students will receive a “Basic Practical” rocker sleeve patch upon successful demonstration of firing a qualifying “group”. There is a short, written test on the lesson material at the end of the course.