

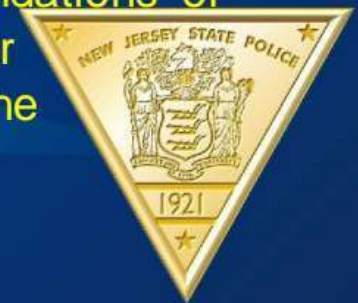
New Jersey State Police  
Firearms Identification Card  
Safety & Awareness  
*Interim Training*



# Important Notes

The NJSP, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, is working to establish a new comprehensive training program for applicants who are applying for, or renewing, a permit to carry a handgun, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58-4(g)(1) and (g)(2). See also N.J.S.A. 2C:58-4(d)(3). In addition to online materials and firing range requirements, the newly developed training will include an in-person classroom component, where applicants will learn first-hand from authorized certified instructors the principles of lawful and safe handling and safe storage of firearms. The live component will be standardized across the state to ensure all applicants are provided the same meaningful opportunity to receive a permit to carry. Until such time that the new training is implemented, and in order to comply with the law, this document on safe handling and use, as well as the training materials on use of deadly force shall be taught by a certified firearms instructor to all applicants. Certified firearms instructors remain responsible for ensuring that applicants for permits to carry handguns are properly trained and proficient before attesting to the applicant's competence on the prescribed certification form.

The material and content being presented to the viewer is intended to provide general safety awareness guidelines regarding the safe care and handling of firearms. It is not intended to supersede or be in lieu of any manufacturer guidelines, recommendations or instruction provided by a competent certified Firearms Instructor. Please refer to the NJ Criminal Code 2C to ensure compliance with all matters related to the care, handling, and transportation of firearms.



# Safety

## International Rules of Firearms Safety

*“These rules are in place to lessen the possibility of accidental injury.”*



# International Rules of Firearms Safety

1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded until positively ascertained otherwise by you.

*Ensure to visually and physically inspect the chamber of the weapon to establish that it is clear and safe from any live rounds or debris.*



The cardinal rule of firearm safety is that every gun must be treated as if it were loaded.



# International Rules of Firearms Safety (continued)

**2.** Never point a firearm at anything or anybody that you do not intend to shoot, or in a direction where an unintentional discharge may do harm.



# International Rules of Firearms Safety (continued)

**3. Never place your finger on the trigger until ready and justified to fire.**

**Trigger Finger Discipline:** Build tactile sensation. Keep your trigger finger oriented high on the frame of the weapon at all times, unless you are ready and justified to fire.



# International Rules of Firearms Safety

4. Be sure of your threat, surroundings and beyond.

*You are responsible for all of your rounds including those that miss your intended target.*



“Everyone is part of the safety paradigm.”

## Safety Acknowledgement



# Additional Rules of Firearms Safety

- **Muzzle Discipline (Laser Rule)**: Be cognizant and aware of where your muzzle is always oriented. Treat the end of the barrel as if it had a laser through it and you **do not** want the laser to make contact with an unintended target
- *Never* hand a loaded weapon to someone in a non-combat situation



**“The world is 360°.  
There is no down  
range.”**



# Safety

*The best safety device is between your ears  
– think safety first at all times!*



# Home Safety Guidelines

- All firearms should be ***unloaded and made safe*** prior to storage in a household
- Secure the firearm in a safe place (locked and unloaded), follow manufacturer guidelines on how to properly utilize the trigger lock device to render the weapon ***inoperable***
- Ensure that the ammunition and magazines are locked and secured in a ***separate*** location from the firearm
- Educate your family as to its dangers
- **Do Not** show children how to load the weapon
- **Do Not** store firearm in an easy access area (under pillow, under mattress, in nightstand. Should be kept in a locked container, drawer, or other location as far out of a child's reach as possible)

