



NEW FIREARM OWNER TIPS

What do I need to get started?

- FOID Card (necessary for possessing, selling and transporting firearms in IL)
- If you **DO NOT have a FOID card**, you can still shoot under the instructor's FOID card. Or you can accompany a friend to the range who has a FOID card.
- You will need a Concealed Carry (cc) permit if you plan to leave your home and carry the firearm on your person or to transport in a case to the range to practice
- At all times, keep your FOID, CC and driver's license together

- Dominant eye determination (you need to know which eye is your dominant eye for shooting)



- Eye protection (mandatory unless you have large glasses)
- Ear protection and/or ear plugs for added protection



- Electronic headphones are best
- Range Bag (keep your range gear in the bag and in your trunk)
- Band-Aids (just in case you cut your hand racking the slide)
- Low cut shirts and bare arms do not go well with hot shell casings. During the summer months, keep a pair of closed toe shoes in your trunk. A jacket to cover your arms is also recommended.



- Uplula (speed loader for range use)
- Hat or visor (to avoid hot brass from hitting you)



- Cut long fingernails Men and women can have long fingernails but it is not advised with shooting.

- Plastic (waterproof) ammunition can (safeguards and



preserves ammo from heat)

- Correct Ammunition (read the owner's manual to ensure that you purchase the correct ammo)
- Defense ammo is what you keep in your carry gun



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- Range ammo or full metal jacket ammo.

- Gun safe for car storage and one for home storage



- Holster (cheap holsters are dangerous-invest in a good/quality holster)
- Dry fire practice which is simply practice shooting WITHOUT ammunition in the firearm (check the owners manual to make sure dry firing is approved)
- Hand strength for racking the slide and shooting



- Cleaning kit (take a class so you can learn how to clean your own gun)

WASH YOUR HANDS IN COLD WATER IMMEDIATELY TO REDUCE LEAD EXPOSURE BEFORE LEAVING THE RANGE!