

GUEST RULES & SAFETY REGULATIONS: DOS LUPES GUN CLUB

Welcome to Dos Lupes Gun Club. We are proud to show our facilities and hope you will consider joining. Our primary focus is on safety and every member is charged with being a Range Safety Officer. Your Host or Sponsor will show you around and answer any questions you may have. Below you will read and agree to our safety rules and regulations. Breaking our rules or acting in an unsafe manner will result in expulsion and a possible fine for your sponsor. Be safe and enjoy your day here at Dos Lupes Gun Club!

The following actions are prohibited:

1. Firing from off the firing line or firing over the tops of berms or at objects on top of or near the tops of berms. *This activity can kill someone miles away.*
2. Shooting at targets short of the berms into the ground, such as at cans, or non-approved targets. This could cause dangerous ricochets over the berms. You may not use your own target stands or metal targets. Make sure the dirt berm is not more than 5 feet behind your target.
3. Destruction of Club property of any sort. Littering, especially cigarette butts and shot gun hulls.
4. Handling or touching uncased or unholstered weapons loaded or unloaded;(A) in the parking lot (B) off the firing line (C) while a fellow shooter is down range (D) from one firing line to another.
5. Possession or use of exploding targets, shotgun buzz bombs, etc.
6. Use of .50 cal., TRACER, or armor piercing ammo.
7. Shooting buckshot (nothing heavier than 7½ shot) or slugs anywhere except on the 100 yard Rifle Range. Shooting any rifle on the pistol range.
8. Shooting while unattended by your sponsor or without safety glasses.
9. Pointing a gun (loaded or unloaded) at anyone, including yourself.
10. Drinking alcohol prior to or during shooting. NO MAGNUM ROUNDS ON METAL TARGETS!
11. Ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct, foul language or racial slurs or insults.
12. Shooting rifles except on rifle range. Rimfire rifles may be used on the combat range.
13. Touching anyone else's gun or possessions without permission.
14. Touching any gun, ammunition, magazines or clips after a "CEASE FIRE" order is given.
15. All weapons must be unloaded with action open, with a chamber flag, rifles racked before going down range. RE-READ this paragraph and think it over HARD!

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16. Fishing or shooting at water bottles.
17. Loading more than one round at a time on the shotgun range except when shooting doubles. ALL actions open except when on station ready to fire.
18. Go back and re-read lines 1-17 and initial each line 1-17. This is a test to see if you bothered to read these rules.

Firearm Safety Rule No. 1: Treat every gun as if it were loaded

Every gun deserves an air of respect, and the best way to exhibit that is to always treat every gun as if it were loaded. Never assume that a gun is unloaded. This holds true even when you handle a firearm without shooting it, like during maintenance and cleaning processes. The same mindset applies when you conduct dry-fire practice drills. Another good procedure is to have another shooter verify that the gun being handled is unloaded.

When handling a semi-auto pistol, you must first place your trigger finger straight along the frame, thus keeping it off the trigger. Next, remove the magazine to ascertain that it's empty. If the magazine has cartridges in it, set it aside before pulling the slide back and locking it back manually with the thumb of your dominant hand.

When you have verified that the gun is empty, it's safe to handle the gun for any task.
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Firearm Safety Rule No. 2: Never point it at anything you are not willing to destroy

Although you've determined that the gun is safe, always be conscious about the direction the muzzle is pointed in. The phrase "willing to destroy" focuses you on the seriousness of muzzle control. Of course, it's impossible to keep a firearm pointed at its intended target every single moment. In practicality, when it's not aimed at a target, the gun should always be pointed in a direction so it will not harm anything if a round went through the barrel at any moment.

You can't always point a firearm downrange when not shooting, so where should it point? Some say at the ground, but others tell novices to keep their gun pointed skyward. Either answer can be correct—or not.

Pointing a gun at the ground can be safe if the ground is soft enough to absorb a round. However, if the ground is hard like concrete, a ricocheting bullet can continue traveling in a harmful direction. On the other hand, always pointing your gun at the sky might not be ideal, either. A bullet fired into the air will eventually return to earth, and people or property might be in its path. Let's say you are in a two-story house and are moving from room to room on the first floor. What's above your head could be a lot more valuable and precious than what's under your feet. _____ (initial)

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Firearm Safety Rule No. 3: Keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot

The most easily broken rule of firearms safety is placing your finger on the trigger when you're not prepared to shoot. The only appropriate time to place your finger inside the trigger guard is when you're ready to fire the weapon. _____ (initial)

Firearm Safety Rule No. 4: Know your target and what's beyond it

A flying bullet doesn't always hit its mark, and the integrity of a target's backstop determines where the bullet stops. Imagine using a firearm to thwart an attacker inside a house. Sheetrock walls won't stop a bullet. The projectile might pass through several walls. Another scenario faced by hunters is that a high-velocity bullet might pass through game and keep traveling. I knew a deer hunter who was struck in the leg and seriously wounded by a bullet that passed through a deer more than 100 yards from him, and more than twice that distance from the careless shooter.

The bottom line: Carve these universal firearm safety rules into your mindset. Period.
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Guest Printed Name and Signature

Address and phone number

E-mail Address

X _____
Member/Host Signed and Printed Name and Signature,

I agree to be responsible for my guest and supervise them at all times.

E-mail this completed form to me prior to bringing your guest out.