Pre-CCW Course Study Sheet

Four Basic Firearms Safety Rules:
1) Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
2) **Always** keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made the decision to fire.
3) NEVER point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.
4) Before the decision to fire, be sure of your target, your target’s environment and any other safety hazards.

Other Safety Rules
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use (In the case of a personal protection handgun that is kept loaded, the trigger must be kept covered, and the firearm in constant direct possession and control of the owner)
- Store guns so that they are not accessible to unauthorized persons. (ie. Children, restricted persons, etc...)
- Do not transport or handle a gun if you are not sure how it operates. Know how to use the firearm safely.
- Never fire a gun unless you intend to fire it at a specific object, know what is beyond the target.
- Never look down the barrel of a gun to see if it’s loaded.
- Be sure the handgun is safe to operate.
- Use only the correct ammunition as marked on the handgun.
- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.
- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting. Never use alcohol or drugs when you have your firearm with you. **Zero tolerance for alcohol and firearms.**
- Every time you pick up, are handed or retrieve a firearm... Check to make sure it is unloaded!!!
- Never handle a firearm in an emotional state such as anger or depression.
- A CCW permit is for a concealed firearm, never display a firearm unless you intend to use it.
The Primary causes of firearms related accidents:

**Ignorance-**
- Not learning, understanding or knowing safety rules.

**Carelessness-**
- Failure to follow firearms safety rules.

*(So come to class with an open mind, ready to listen and learn)*

Elements of Firearms Safety

Positive Attitude- You must be willing to listen and learn.
Knowledge- You never must stop learning, as you will never know it all.
Skill- Practice what you learn.

Safe Firearm Storage

- As a firearm owner, safe gun storage is one of your major responsibilities. You should take all steps possible to prevent unauthorized persons, including children, from having access to your firearms.
- A handgun should not just be thrown in the glove box, under the car seat or in a drawer.
- Hiding a gun in the house is not a safe storage method.
- You need to have a safe storage plan both inside your home and outside your home. Where will you store the handgun when you visit places that carry is off limits?
- It is absolutely imperative to always keep your firearm under your DIRECT control, or locked in a safe, inaccessible to children or other unauthorized persons.
- Firearms and ammunition should not be stored together. Ideally they should be locked in separate containers.
Locations in Nebraska Concealed Carry is not allowed

- Police, Sheriff, or Nebraska State Patrol station or office
- Detention facility, prison or jail
- Courtroom or building containing a courtroom
- Polling place during a bona fide election
- Meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or other political subdivision
- Meeting of the Legislature or committee of the Legislature
- Financial Institutions
- Professional, semi-professional, or collegiate athletic event.
- School, school grounds, school-owned vehicle, or school sponsored activity or athletic event.
- Colleges and Universities.
- Place of Worship (Unless authorized by the church as security personnel)
- Emergency room, hospital or trauma center
- Political rally or fundraiser
- Establishment having a liquor license which derives over one-half of its income from the sale of alcoholic liquor. (Bar/Liquor Store)
- Any place where the carrying or possession of a firearm is prohibited by state or federal law.
- Any place or premises or employer owned vehicle where those in control of the place, premises or vehicle have prohibited permit holders from carrying concealed handguns. (By posting a conspicuous notice)
- Any other place or premises where handguns are prohibited by law or rule or regulation.