

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.

