

# **PISTOL RANGE SAFETY RULES**

YOU are personally responsible for every bullet that you fire; where it goes and what it does.

## **1. TREAT EVERY GUN AS IF IT WERE LOADED.**

This rule is intended to instill a mindset that makes you expect the every gun you come in contact with is loaded until you prove otherwise. Be deadly serious about this. Handle every gun as you would a loaded gun.

DO NOT load any gun on this range until you are on the line and ready to shoot.

## **2. ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**

Keep the muzzle pointed in the safest possible direction consistent with the situation or mission, especially during administrative functions (loading unloading,, chamber checking and clearing malfunctions). It is a deadly threat to allow a gun to be in your hand while pointed at another human being. Uncase and case with the muzzle pointed downrange and away from all people.

“It isn’t loaded” is not an excuse – see Rule #1

## **3. KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOUR SIGHTS ARE ON THE TARGET AND YOU ARE READY TO FIRE.**

Keep your finger off the trigger and pressed on something solid above the trigger guard until your sights are on the target and you have decided to shoot. The reverse is also true: your finger goes back to “index position” (pressed against something solid above the trigger guard) the moment you come off target. Nothing touches the trigger unless the sights are on target and you want to hear a loud noise. This is the golden rule.

## **4. BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET.**

Know what it is, what is behind it and what might cross in front of it. Never shoot at anything you have not positively identified. Do not let the muzzle point above the target plane.