



**Safe Insight**

**Online Classroom**



**CCW  
Training Summary**

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# Introduction

This eBook has been designed to help our students remember some of the key training points that were covered during the Online Classroom® CCW Training.

This has been created as a helpful reminder. It is not intended to be a comprehensive review of material. Rather, it is a guide that can be used to help reinforce crucial points associated with the heavy responsibilities of being a CCW holder.

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*Don't practice until you get it right...*

*Practice until you can't get it wrong!*

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Being a responsible CCW holder means more than doing the minimum standard of training every year or two. It means remaining vigilant in all aspects of self-defense, including; awareness of your surroundings, de-escalation techniques, regular practice, and being up to date on current laws associated with firearms.

# Firearm Safety

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*The first step to being a responsible CCW holder is knowing the safety rules*

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Many people blame firearms for tragedies that occur. But firearms cannot function without an operator. As a CCW holder, you are that operator. Your actions will ultimately determine your own safety, as well as the safety of those around you.

**Commit the following Safety Rules to memory:**

**S** – Suppose all guns are always loaded

**A** – Aim firearms in a safe direction at all times

**F** – Finger off the trigger until you are ready for a bullet to come out

**E** – Everything in the path of the bullet needs to be accounted for

# Storage

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*Properly storing a firearm is crucial to being a safe gun owner*

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There are many different methods for securely storing firearms. The “best way” to store a firearm can vary, because everybody’s situation is slightly different. So when determining how to safely and securely store your firearm, remember to think about the four goals of safe firearms storage:



- 1) Keep Firearms Out Of The Hands Of Children
- 2) Keep Firearms Away From Untrained Adults
- 3) Make Theft Of The Firearm Difficult
- 4) Keep The Firearm Ready For YOUR Needs

# Clearing A Firearm

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*Never attempt to shortcut the six steps to safely clearing a firearm*

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- 1) Remove The Magazine
- 2) Rack The Slide
- 3) Rack The Slide Three (3) More Times
- 4) Lock The Slide Open
- 5) Visual Inspection
- 6) Physical Inspection



These six steps are intentionally designed to overlap the previous step. By doing this, you can ensure that all steps are done properly. Following these steps will allow you to clear a firearm with confidence, knowing that you have taken every possible precaution to guard against a stray round finding its way into the chamber.

# Marksmanship: Stance

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*Without a stable shooting platform, you will not have consistent shots*

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Your marksmanship begins with your setup. A good stance will have your feet approximately shoulder width apart with one foot about  $\frac{1}{2}$  step back to provide stability. Elbows should be locked to ensure that you have a consistent point of aim.



# Marksmanship: Grip

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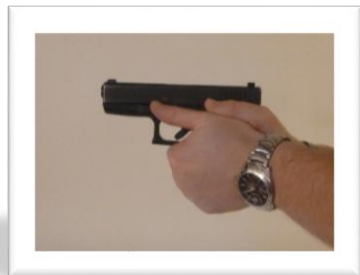
*How you grip the firearm will affect your ability to accurately place your shots*

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An accurate shot begins with the way you grip the firearm. This is because too often, people tend to grip the firearm firmly with their strong hand. Gripping too firmly with the *strong* hand results in one of two problems.

- 1) Just the act of gripping tightly with your strong hand forces the firearm to point up and away from that hand. This can result in an errant shot.
- 2) Gripping tightly with the strong hand does not allow the finger to smoothly press the trigger. This results in a smashing effect, which usually leads to a low and away shot.

By doing the majority of the gripping with your *support* hand, you allow your finger to smoothly press on the trigger. This results in a much more controlled and accurate shot.





# Marksmanship: Sights

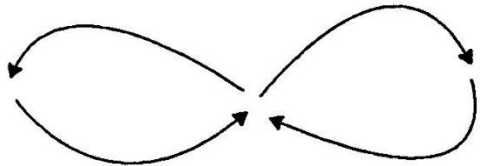
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*You need to understand the sights, but do not be overly concerned with alignment*

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The bullet travels down the barrel. The last point of contact the bullet has with the firearm is right at the tip, or muzzle, of the firearm. The front sight sits on top of the muzzle. Therefore, wherever the front sight points, that is where the bullet will travel.

You should focus sharply on your front sight. The target and rear sights should be slightly blurry. Remember to let the front sight “float” naturally. Do not try to “fight” the front sight.



**DON'T FIGHT IT, FLOAT IT**

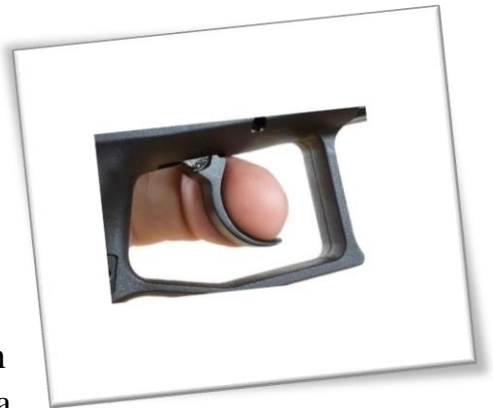
# Marksmanship: Press

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*The MOST important part of marksmanship is your trigger press*

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While lining up your sights can contribute to your accuracy, it does you little good if your trigger press is not smooth. The number one mistake made by shooters is failing to use a smooth trigger press. Instead, they spend all of their time and effort lining up the sights, then quickly smash the trigger with their finger, resulting in a shot that is typically low and away from their dominant hand.



Take advantage of the term “press” that is already psychologically pre-programmed into our brains. This tells the brain that it is an action performed by the finger, rather than “squeeze” or “pull”, which tells the brain it is an action performed by the whole hand. A smooth trigger press creates a controlled and accurate shot.

# Drawing

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*Practice following this formula to ensure that you safely draw from the holster*

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**G** – Grip: A good grip should begin in the holster with your support hand on your stomach or chest

**U** – Unholster: Raise your arm straight up so that you can simply drop your elbow down to clear the holster

**A** – Attach: As you drop your elbow, raising your firearm, attach your support hand

**R** – Ready: Disengage the safety and, if the threat is immediate, place your finger on the trigger

**D** – Discharge: Fire rounds at the target as appropriate



# Holstering

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*There is never a rush to holster your firearm so TAKE YOUR TIME*

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This is where carelessness can cause serious problems. Even experienced professionals have incurred a negligent discharge when trying to holster too quickly. This is because it is easy for the trigger to get caught on the holster or clothing, resulting in a round being fired.

Remember, if you have taken your firearm out of the holster, it is out for a reason. There is no rush to place it back in the holster.

Perform a 360-degree scan to ensure it is appropriate to place it in the holster.

Then keep your

support hand on your chest as you carefully replace the firearm in to the holster.



# Police Contact

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*If you are officially contacted by an officer, notify them that you have a firearm*

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You should notify a police officer that you have a CCW and a firearm on your person anytime you are contacted in an official manner. This means if an officer has stopped you for a traffic violation, questioning you about a crime, or any other time that they have contacted you for an official reason.

In some jurisdictions, it is legally required that you notify a police officer that you are carrying a firearm.

But whether it is legally required or not, it is still best practice to keep your hands visible, advise the officer of the



location of your firearm, and only make *slow* movements toward it if you are directed to do so. This does not apply to a casual conversation, such as saying hello to a police officer in a coffee shop.

# De-Escalation

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*It is always easier to walk away from a problem than it is to sort out legalities*

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A firearm should always be your last resort. Using good de-escalation techniques is usually the best way to resolve a tense situation. Use the following five steps:



- 1) Display Calm Patience: patience goes a long way toward de-escalating a situation
- 2) Make Eye Contact: looking around displays lack of confidence and can make a situation worse
- 3) Do Not Engage An Aggressor: listen to them patiently but do not argue
- 4) Do Not Become Threatening: if you start to make a person feel threatened, it will get worse
- 5) Walk Away: if it is safe to do so, simply turn and walk away to keep the problem from escalating

# Laws

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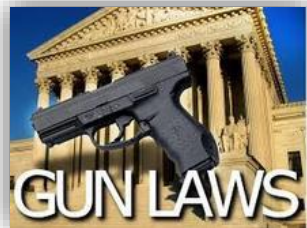
*Knowing **when** you can use your firearm is more important than knowing **how***

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Some people think that owning a firearm is all about how accurate you are with it. You will see them spending hours at the shooting range trying to fine tune their accuracy under stress. But if you do not know the laws regarding use of firearms, all of that practice means very little.

Be sure that part of your training routine includes regularly reviewing firearms laws in your jurisdiction. At a bare minimum, you should be able to answer the following questions:

- Are there regulations that govern how I carry a firearm?
- When is it acceptable to draw and point my firearm?
- Can I defend my home or other property with my firearm?
- What are my responsibilities if I use my firearm in self-defense?



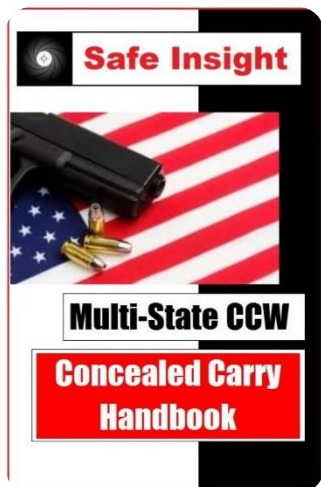
# Traveling

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*Laws vary by location so be sure you know  
firearm regulations wherever you travel*

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It is important to know your local laws regarding firearm use. But if you travel to other jurisdictions, you must also know their laws. Actions that may be legal where you live, could be criminal offenses in other locations.



How can you be sure that you know the laws where you are traveling? You can use online resources to determine laws of a particular location. A good start is to know what laws you are specifically looking for. You can use the

<https://www.safeinsight.net/product-page/multi-state-ccw-concealed-carry-handbook> as a good starting point. Since laws are constantly changing, it is important that you verify the information found in the eBook. But it is a good place to find some general information that you will want to know when traveling to other locations.





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