

# Range Etiquette

Gun range etiquette is a blend of common sense, courtesy and safety. A day at the range is fun, and good gun range etiquette makes it even better.

1. **Always** treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. **Never** point the gun at anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. **Always** keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard until you are ready to fire.
4. **Always** be sure of your target and what is behind it.

## When not in use, lay your gun down slide back or cylinder up.

When you set your gun down, always keep the slide open or cylinder exposed pointed down range. As basic range etiquette, this shows others your gun is unloaded. After you finish shooting, you may want to reload a magazine or get another target. When you do this, it's basic range etiquette to lay the gun down, slide open or cylinder exposed. This will give people peace of mind the gun is unloaded.

## Never pick up someone's firearm without asking

You see a beautiful 1911 that a fellow shooter brought to the range, and the only thing you want to do is feel it in your hands. We get it! And if you ask to do so, most people will oblige.

## Don't coach or correct

Unless someone is pointing a firearm at you, it is common courtesy not to interfere with the shooting techniques of a fellow shooter. If they are doing something dangerous, that's another story. Use your best judgement in that case.

## It's good etiquette to leave the range better than you found it.

**Please remember that we are all members of the club, there are no paid employee's, thus help us maintain the range. Picking up trash, cleaning your firing station, pushing spent brass forward of the shooting stand, take your targets down, turn off your lane light, return target carrier, and obeying all of the range rules are not only good gun range etiquette—they're good manners!**

## Range commands:

**Ceasefires** are used whenever all shooting must stop, whether it is because time's up or because a potential problem has arisen. Anyone who spots a potential problem should call "Ceasefire!" During a ceasefire, there should be no handling of firearms. The key things to remember are:

1. Chamber is empty and ammunition source (magazine) is removed.
2. Action is open.
3. Hands off!
4. Step away from the firing line.

**Commence Firing** is the command given that tells everyone it's safe to shoot.