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### Firearm Safety Rules

**1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.**

This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury to others or damage to property. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

**2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.**

When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

**3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.**

Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

**4. ALWAYS Know your target and what is beyond.**

Be absolutely certain you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be absolutely certain the area beyond your target is clear. This means observing your entire area of fire *before* you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there may be people or property that may be damaged. *Think* first. *Look* second. *Shoot* third.

**Know how to use the gun safely.**

Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, know how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.

**Be sure the gun is safe to operate.**

Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.

**Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.**

Only BB's, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun and caliber can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

**Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.**

Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas

that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, safety glasses and hearing protection should always be worn by shooters and spectators.

**☐ Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.**

Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

**☐ Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.**

Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.

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## Notes on Standards

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There is no substitute for good firearms training and knowledge. You should know and practice all the laws of handgun safety at all times when shooting/practicing with any firearm. You should have a good quality holster that is made to carry the firearm you are using with it. Any holster used must be of good quality, cover the trigger guard and must not collapse when the firearm is drawn, allowing you to reholster with one hand.

**If you wish to contribute your Standard Course/s not listed here email us, and if appropriate we will add it, giving you credit for the listing.**

### Standards

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## Targets

There are a lot of different targets out there. You can use any target you wish. The more life- like when training for self-defense the better. IDPA, B27 police targets or many other commercially made targets are very good for practice. Putting tee shirts on your targets will also make the targets look like what you would be facing in a life and death situation. You can also use almost anything else. A 3 X 5 Index card, ½ sheets of paper, full sheets of paper or just about anything else you can think of. We do not recommend using bottles, cans or other similar items. Paper works best and is easiest to clean up and leave the range area clean. Be aware of bullet splatter and ricochet when shooting steel objects or targets.

Law Enforcement Targets [www.letargets.com/html/targets1.html](http://www.letargets.com/html/targets1.html) is a web site that sells targets but also has images of many of the targets that are used in many Drills and Qualifications. We are in no way endorsing this web site but list it here as a reference tool for our readers.

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## Cover

In any self-defense use of a firearm, avoiding getting shot is equally important as stopping the attacker. You should always practice moving to cover and shooting from cover when you practice with your firearm. You will react as you train and moving to cover during practice will lead to, in most cases, moving to cover when your handgun comes out in that self defense situation. If you practice that way you will react that way. *Perfect* practice makes perfect.

This is how everyone is training now. As we learn more and more about what happens in life and death situations, we are learning we react exactly as we have trained. Most Drills don't take cover into consideration. Do make changes to the standards listed here and use cover or move to cover at the start of your draw.

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## Dry Fire Safety

Pick one room for dry fire practice and remove any ammunition from that room. Do not allow any ammunition to come into that room. You can use snap caps if you are concerned about damaging your firearm while dry firing. Contact the maker of your firearm if you are concerned about dry firing your handgun. Do not dry fire a rim fire firearm like a .22 or .17 without snap caps. Dry firing those firearms without snap caps will damage to the firearm.

Practicing reloading along with your dry fire Drills must be done *only* with snap caps. You cannot allow any ammo into the room and those few dollars for snap caps are a lot cheaper than putting holes in something in your home or worse, negligently shooting someone. Never forget that you are 100% responsible for all rounds that come out of your firearm.

## Firearm Standards

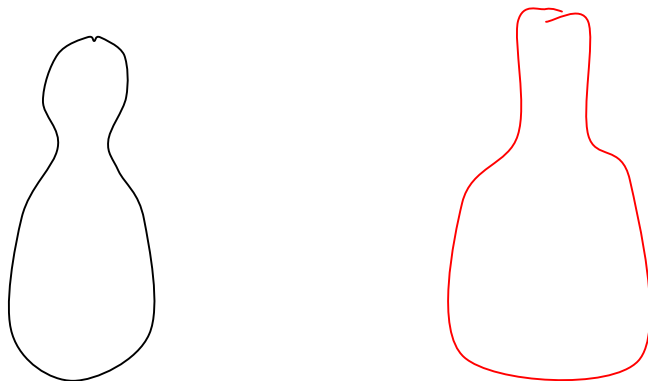
**1. DESCRIPTION:**

The Triple-Nickel course is used to measure a shooter’s proficiency level and ability to consistently PERFORM ON DEMAND! Through thorough application of fundamentals of marksmanship and weapon handling, this advanced firearm drill evaluates the capacity to save your own life, against multiple assailants, in a short amount of time. The student must consistently demonstrate proficiency by maintaining 100% accuracy in the 5 second time allotment; just like in real life...there is no award for losing. This course is shot with a cover garment and with a holster one would utilize either on, or off duty. A minimum of 3 successful attempts (not consecutive) must be accomplished in order to be awarded the coveted “Triple-Nickel” coin. The shooter has exactly 365 days to complete this task beginning on the day of the first successful attempt. I developed this for the Air Marshalls.

**2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

- a. Normal range safety rules apply.
- b. Shooters must be efficient in their movements, and cognizant of the barrel direction (laser rule).
- c. Shooters must utilize a standard safe holster, and magazine pouch. This holster must me worn as designed. All retention devices engaged.
- d. Prior to each attempt, the shooter will acknowledge that they understand the course of fire and will comply with all decisions made by the TWO (2) administering “Triple-Nickel” Coin bearers.

**Scoring:** Number of rounds on each target are 2, for a total of 10 rounds. The scoreable area is the 4/5 ring area (Tran Star-II) or the outer bottle for the QIT target. Unlike most courses of fire, the benefit DOES NOT go to the shooter; liners are considered misses regardless of which side they are located. When scoring this course, if there becomes any doubt on a shot placement, it shall be considered a miss. No questions asked.



**SCORING (Hits only)**

Hits must be in scoreable areas.

Anything touching the line is considered a MISS.

2 Hits must be in each target for a total of 10.

A reload must have been accomplished before the 5<sup>th</sup> target.

PAC TIMER run- 5 seconds period.

**3. SHOOTER SPECIAL REQUIRMENTS:**

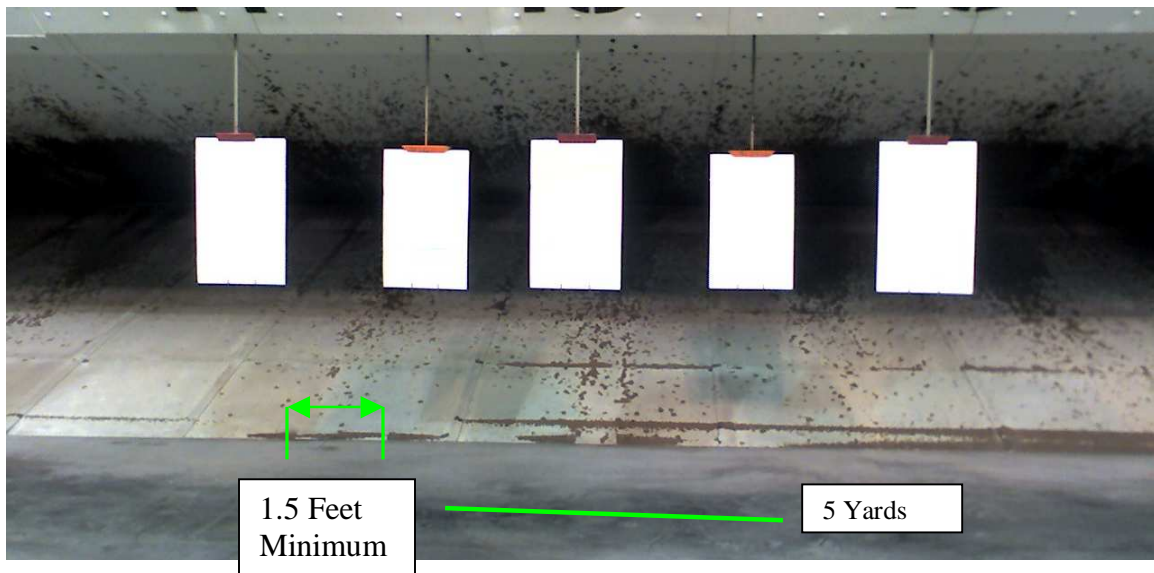
1. Must be proficient.
2. Must be fast.
3. Must be accurate.

Although any person wishing to become proficient in the proper life saving fundamentals may shoot this course of fire, in order to be awarded the “Triple-Nickel” challenge coin, the shooter must fall within certain categories. They are as follows:

**4. TRAINING AIDS/EQUIPMENT:**

Range, 5 Tran-Star II or 5 QIT targets, 10 rounds of ammunition, PAC TIMER or computerized target system. Box of Tissues.

**5. TRAINING VENUE DESCRIPTION/PREPARATION:**



**6. METHODOLOGY:**

**The “Triple-Nickel”**

The shooters will stand at the 5 yard line facing the adversarial targets, with a cover garment as to not alert threats of the intentions of the shooter. At the tone or when targets face the shooter will draw and engage the first target with 2 rounds, then transition to each target engaging with 2 rounds. Shooter MUST conduct a reload AFTER the 1<sup>st</sup> target, and anytime BEFORE the 5<sup>th</sup> target.

