

What to shoot:

Those new to shooting should consider shooting a firearm in the .22lr caliber. These are excellent firearms to develop good safety and marksmanship skills. Their low recoil and noise make them ideal for helping the new shooter feel comfortable. If a newer shooter insists on shooting a handgun chambered in a traditional defensive caliber, we suggest limiting those choices to .380 ACP, 9mm, or .38 Special. We have a large selection of rental guns in calibers appropriate for new shooters. We do NOT recommend .40 S&W, .45 ACP, or any Magnum caliber for beginning shooters, and it is our "opinion" that having new shooters shoot firearms in heavier calibers is irresponsible. Having said that we will NOT prevent new shooters from shooting these calibers, but we will pay extra attention to that shooter's safety habits and may ask them to stop shooting if we believe the firearm is inappropriate for their skill level.

Hygiene:

EVERY time a shooter leaves the shooting bay, they should thoroughly wash their hands and mouth before eating, drinking, or smoking. Specialized soap (red liquid soap) is provided in the bathroom that is designed to lift metal particulates from your skin and allow the water to wash it off.

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO BE SAFE, PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR STAFF, OR CALL AHEAD. IF YOU EVER SEE UNSAFE BEHAVIOR ON THE RANGE, IMMEDIATELY STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND NOTIFY A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER.

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First Trip to the Range?

Basic guide on coming to an indoor shooting range for the first time.

Safety Rules:

There are numerous and important safety rules that you should familiarize yourself with. Many of the rules are found in posted signs throughout the range. Others are found on the safety waiver. The best way to be safe around firearms is to take a Basic Handgun class. If you go to a range without taking a safety class, at a MINIMUM you should:

Keep the firearm pointed downrange at the backstop the ENTIRE time you are here. If the gun points in ANY direction other than the backstop (the very end of the range bay), you may be asked to leave.

Until you are ready to fire, your finger should NOT be on the trigger. Keep your finger off of the trigger and out of the trigger guard unless your sights are lined up on the target and you are ready to shoot. If your finger is on the trigger while you are not in actual act of shooting, you may be asked to leave.

All of your bullets must impact the backstop regardless of where the holes may be appearing on your

target. A good rule of thumb is that when you look at the holes in your target and you see any color (shining through) other than black, you are likely shooting something other than the backstop, such as the floor, ceiling, walls, or our target retrieval equipment.

Unholster, or uncase your gun inside the shooting stall. Never handle the gun outside of the shooting stall, even if it is just to return it to a shooting bag/case.

When to come:

The range can be very busy on the weekends, so this is not the best time to come if you are a beginner, or are bringing new shooters to the range. Consider coming during the week when it is slower so that it is less crowded, and not as loud. It will make for a much more comfortable shooting experience.

What to wear:

The range has a very powerful air system that brings in fresh air from the outside to ventilate all of the gases expelled by your firearm. As a result, it can be quite cold or

warm, depending on the conditions outside. You should consider wearing layers of clothing that you can add or remove as necessary to keep you comfortable. Long sleeves and long pants are advisable to minimize the possibility of a piece of brass or other material from impacting exposed skin. Low cut shirts/blouses are not advisable as hot brass from semi-automatic firearms can impact exposed skin. Similarly, open toed shoes are also not advisable. Removing earrings is also advisable. You should also consider wearing a billed baseball style cap to prevent brass from falling on top of your safety glasses. None of these clothing options make it impossible to shoot, but consider taking our advice as it will make your shooting experience much more comfortable.

Safety gear:

Every shooter must wear glasses that fully protect their eyes as well as hearing protection. Women might find it helpful to wear extra hearing protection in the form of ear plugs and ear muffs. Electronic (active) hearing protection is recommended.