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HOW TO SAFELY DRAW AND HOLSTER YOUR FIREARM

-SEVEN STEPS-

WARNING: DRAWING AND HOLSTERING A FIREARM CAN BE DANGEROUS WITH RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH. You must seek proper instruction and training.



STEP 1:

-Obtain full firing grip on gun.
High hand grip.

-1911 Safety is still ON (i.e.,
1911 is "locked").

-Trigger finger is straight and
indexed on the outside of the
holster.

-Support hand is indexed flat
on abdomen.



STEP 2:

- Lift gun straight up until it just clears the top of the holster.
- 1911 Safety is still ON (i.e., 1911 is "locked").
- Trigger finger is still straight and is indexed on the frame of the gun.
- Support hand is still indexed flat on abdomen.



STEP 3:

- Gun hand elbow is lowered (drops) to orient the gun muzzle directly towards the target.
- 1911 Safety is still ON (i.e., 1911 is "locked").
- Trigger finger is still straight and is indexed on the frame of the gun.
- Support hand is still indexed flat on abdomen.



STEP 4:

-The gun hand and the support hand meet together and form proper grip. This may be approximately at the center of your body so when gun is driven forward, the dominant eye, sights and target naturally are in line. You will have to find your index point.

-The gun is driven towards the target. Note: The gun's muzzle does not cover or sweep any part of your body during the drawing or holstering process.

-1911 Safety is now turned OFF (disengaged) once both hands come together.

-Trigger finger is still straight and is indexed on the frame of the gun.

-Both hands drive the gun straight out towards the target.



STEP 5:

-Gun is at eye level.

-DO NOT place your finger on the Trigger until you have decided to actually fire the gun at that exact moment, then PRESS the trigger and focus on front sight.

-When you have decided to stop firing, your trigger finger must immediately be taken off the trigger, and indexed on the frame of the gun.



STEP 6:

-Gun is brought back to a high compressed retention ready position.

-Trigger finger is still OFF trigger and indexed on the frame of the gun.

-Scan and assess (turn head left and right) - situational awareness for threats and other good guys to avoid mistaken identity shooting, break tunnel vision, etc... .

-Safety is now turned back on to "safe" (i.e., 1911 is "locked"). If your gun has a decock, you would do such procedure at this stage (making sure your gun is pointed in a safe direction.).

Remember the Fundamental NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling:

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Also, remember to know your target and what is beyond.

"The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist and triumph over them...."

Quoted from Joseph Story in, "Commentaries on the Constitution" (1833).*

** Former Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court.*

STEP 7:

-Support hand is indexed flat on abdomen.

-Trigger finger is still OFF trigger.

-Trigger finger is indexed on frame of gun, and as gun is holstered, trigger finger will become indexed on outside of holster. Do not allow trigger finger to enter holster.

-Maintain full firing grip as you holster. Use one-handed holstering. Trigger finger is OFF trigger.

-Thumb is over hammer as you holster.

WARNING: BE CERTAIN HOLSTER IS CLEAR OF ANY OBSTRUCTIONS BEFORE HOLSTERING (e.g., loose shirt, jacket, etc...).



Above is introductory in nature. Training should be obtained through and under direct supervision of a qualified instructor.

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