

# KNOW YOUR HANDGUN; HOW TO HANDLE IT SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY

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A one-day , condensed handgun proficiency course, organized to introduce/refresh your knowledge of your own personal firearm, stressing confidence, safety, proficiency and accuracy. This *IS NOT* a certification course of any kind, i.e. *NOT* to provide qualification for a Concealed Carry (CCW) permit nor any other formal certification. No written nor proficiency test will be required for completion, nor is any prior knowledge or prerequisite required. The focus of this instruction will be upon proven techniques in order for the participant to hit the target with the first shot and repeatedly thereafter. Personal attention for any or all participants will be provided as needed.

Included in the course will be; the basics of handling safety; loading, unloading and firing with attention to features and operation specific to your personal firearm. There will be a short, indoor classroom session and a car-pool to a outdoor range site for live firing. Live-fire will require a maximum of 50 rounds (probably less) provided by each participant. Some ammunition for popular calibers will be available if uncertain of your need or unable to provide your own. Hearing and eye protection is required for all participants during the live-fire session. Some hearing protection devices will be available should anyone not have their own. All participants will be required to read and sign a disclaimer-form, releasing the church and other participants from personal and corporate liability.

Participants will arrive at the classroom session with their personal firearm (UNLOADED AND OPEN FOR INSPECTION) and one (1) magazine (EMPTY FOR INSPECTION). Guns may be boxed, cased, holstered, or in-hand. Empty and unloaded status will verified upon arrival. THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO LOADED FIREARMS NOR LIVE AMMUNITION PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOM. If you do not have a firearm of you own, instructors and other participants should be willing to share.

Transportation to the range site will be organized for car-pooling. All guns are to *REMAIN UNLOADED* during transportation to and upon arrival at the site, and *NOT LOADED* until instructed to do so after the session begins. At the site, several shooting stations will be provided to accommodate smaller groups, each with an instructor to provide one-on-one attention. Shooters will shoot one-at-a-time, not in a mass-shooting-line with everyone firing at once. Proven shooting techniques will be utilized with individual modifications to improve proficiency. Again, personal attention to any and all participants will be provided as needed.

(Course outline to follow)

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COURSE OUTLINE**

1. Agenda and Timing for the Day
  - a. 8am Starting-time
  - b. 8-10am Classroom Session
  - c. 11am Arrival time at the outdoor-range location
  - d. 11am-12 Setup and individual instruction-session begins
  - e. 12-1pm Picnic Lunch Provided
  - f. 1-3pm Shooting session continues, cleanup and return to church
  - g. 4-5pm Return ETA back at church
  
2. Introductions
  - a. Instructor
  - b. Assistants
  - c. Participants; everyone will state their name and the make, model and caliber of their own personal firearm
  
3. Safety
  - a. Basic Rules of Firearms Safety
  - b. Calibers and correct ammo
  - c. Cleaning and storage responsibility
  - d. Assembly and disassembly
  
4. Gun features and operations, focused upon your particular firearm
  - a. Revolvers vs Autos
  - b. Hammer vs hammerless
  - c. Double vs Single action
  - d. Safety Switch
  - e. Magazine release
  - f. Slide Release
  
5. Indoor Practice
  - a. Loading and unloading
  - b. Racking
  - c. Grip
  - c. Sight Picture
  - d. Trigger pull, Dry-firing w/snap caps
  
6. Outdoor range shooting

Leader and assistants will direct all procedures with individual instruction provided as needed.