



HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **FIREARMS RANGE SAFETY RULES**

1. Treat all firearms as though they were loaded.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until on target and ready to shoot.
3. Be certain of the target and what is beyond.
4. **NO ARMOR PIERCING AMMUNITION ALLOWED**
5. No one is allowed on the range that is taking any substance that could impair the ability to correctly respond to audible or visual commands. This includes, but is not limited to, alcohol or any prescribed or over the counter medications.
6. All firearms training must be properly and adequately supervised.
7. Strict discipline and bearing will be maintained.
8. Upon picking up a firearm remove magazine, open the action mechanism, visually and physically check to see that it is unloaded.
9. Keep the firearm pointed down range at all times.
10. No tobacco products on the firing line.
11. Never permit the muzzle of a firearm to touch the ground.
12. Pay strict attention to the Range Masters.
13. No one should be on the firing line except those firing.
14. Electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, mp3 players, etc.) that can distract shooters will not be permitted on the firing line, unless authorized by the Range Master as part of the training.
15. All outside agency firearm instructors must check in with HCSO Academy Staff prior to commencing training.
16. All incidents and injuries at the HCSO firing range must be reported immediately to Academy Staff.
17. These rules apply to all personnel regardless of rank or agency.

STEEL TARGETS:

1. Steel targets will not be shot with rifle caliber weapons closer than 100 yards.
2. Steel targets will not be shot with pistol caliber weapons closer than 10 yards.
3. Steel targets on the pistol range side are not to be engaged with rifle caliber weapons.
4. Steel targets provided by outside agencies and usage of the steel targets must be approved by the Range Master or Academy Coordinator.

HCSO Academy: 956-381-7979

Emergency: 9-1-1

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