



Longmont Police Department & Boulder County Sheriff's Office Firing Range and Training Center

Standard Range Rules

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Basic Firearms Safety Rules

- 1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded!**
- 2. Never let your muzzle point at anything you are not willing to shoot!**
- 3. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until your sights are on target, and you are ready to shoot!**
- 4. Be aware of your target and what is beyond!**

Firearms safety is ultimately the responsibility of individuals, whether they are using the Longmont Police Department & Boulder County Sheriff's Office Range and Training Center or handling firearms away from the facility.

5. All users of the facility shall conduct themselves responsibly and in a safe manner and are responsible for the safe and proper functioning of their firearms and ammunition. Users are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
6. The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs/substances, and any other impairing substances prior to arriving at the range or while at the range is prohibited. Any sign of impairment will result in immediate dismissal.
7. Food and drinks are not permitted on the firing line.
8. Smoking is permitted at designated locations only, which are outside of the buildings and away from the entrances. Tobacco product use is NOT permitted inside any of the range buildings.
9. Sight and hearing protection is required while inside the range and SIMS House. Sight protection should be rated for high velocity impacts. Double hearing protection (i.e., ear plugs and muffs) is required by all users while on the range. The only exception to using hearing protection is during a cease fire condition.
10. Users are expected to clean up their trash, unexpended rounds, and expended cases after shooting. Receptacles for trash, recyclables, brass, and aluminum are provided by the range. All misfires, hang-fires, squib-fires, and other defective live rounds should be given to a range staff member for proper disposal.
11. Range staff will ensure an inspection of the range facility is completed prior to use of that range facility and at the conclusion of any training, using the range inspection form, to ensure its cleanliness and functionality before and after training.
12. Any damage discovered during inspection or caused during training shall be reported to the Range Coordinator through established standard operating procedures.

13. Damage to any part of the facility is the financial responsibility of the last user of the range, if discovered during initial inspections, or the financial responsibility of the user who causes the damage during training. Damage caused by the guest of a user is the financial responsibility of the user.
14. Range staff shall conduct an emergency action / “man-down” response plan briefing, in compliance with the standard operating procedures, prior to initiating any training within the facility.
15. Steel core, steel slug, ceramic tipped, armor piercing, tracer, and any other ammunition that may damage the bullet containment trap are not permitted. Any ammunition that will stick to a magnet on any part of the round is not permitted. The use of black powder or synthetic black powder is not permitted due to air filtration requirements. All .50 cal or greater rounds may not be used due to limitations of the bullet traps. Other high energy rounds smaller than .50 cal may also be excluded from use.
16. Only steel, paper or cardboard targets may be used, and paper targets must be affixed to backer board. Use of steel targets requires sufficient standoff distance to prevent injury from shrapnel and the placement of protective rubber matting on the floor surrounding those targets with sufficient coverage to protect the floor from significant damage. No explosive targets may be used.
17. Use and placement of barricades, simulated walls / windows, vehicles, and other training aids are allowed but should never be placed in such a way to create extreme cross lane or high angle impacts to the intended target or bullet trap.
18. Use of CN, CS gas or any hazardous material munitions are prohibited in all range facilities.
19. Holstered handguns shall not be removed from the holster until on the firing line and when it is safe to do so, except when loading or unloading a firearm for cleaning or maintenance purposes. Cased or bagged firearms shall not be removed from the package until on the firing line and when safe to do so, except when loading or unloading a firearm for cleaning or maintenance purposes.
20. Firearms removed from any holster or carry device must be immediately pointed in the downrange direction or placed in the provided firearms racks.
21. Loading or unloading of firearms without the use of safety bullet traps, is permitted ONLY while inside the range, on the firing line, and in a safe manner under the supervision of range staff.
22. Loading or unloading of a firearm outside the range requires the use of safety bullet traps, with the muzzle fully inserted into the device.
23. Loading of magazines with ammunition is permitted anywhere within the range and range building, but not in the parking lot or other facilities.
24. Firearms with full automatic capability cannot be used in full auto mode during normal range training days.
25. In the event of an emergency, anyone observing the emergency can call for a “stop” or “cease fire” and notify a range staff member of the emergency.
26. If a “Cease Fire” is called, all users will immediately stop firing, and cease all movement until given further direction by range staff. Anyone can call a “cease fire.” Anyone other than a range officer calling a “cease fire” shall notify the range staff immediately.
27. Users shall not move or reach beyond the firing line or pick up any item from the ground unless it is safe to do so while the range is under a cease fire and given specific instructions by a range staff member.
28. Users who experience problems with firearms while on the firing line, that cannot be cleared through malfunction clearance drills, are required to keep their firearm at the firing line with the muzzle pointed toward the bullet containment trap while they seek assistance from a range staff member.
29. Loaded firearms may not be carried by hand from the firing line or anywhere else at the facility unless directly supervised by a range staff member.
30. Range staff members have the authority to monitor the safety conditions of the range users. Safety violations will be documented and reviewed by range management. Violations of these rules may

result in a user being removed from the range and/or range access denied. Successful completion of a recommended firearms safety training course may allow for the reinstatement of a user's access to the range.

31. Any range use, training need or course of fire that requires activities outside these standard range rules will require review and prior approval of the Range Coordinator.
32. Pets are not permitted at the Longmont Police Department & Boulder County Sheriff's Office Firing Range and Training Center. Service animals are permitted and shall be under complete control of the user at all times per ADA Rules.
33. Pregnant women are highly discouraged from using the range for concerns surrounding exposure to lead materials.
34. Children under the age of 10 are not permitted on the range.

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