



# Parker Cadet Squadron



## Safety Standard Operating Procedure for Safety -

## Marksmanship

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# Introduction



- Required Equipment
- Rifle safety rules
- Local range procedures and Clearing the Rifle
- Rifles: Where is the safety?



# Required Safety Equipment

(Bring these to marksmanship events!)



- Safety glasses & Earplugs - best source is a home improvement store
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle w/ at least 24 oz of water
- Winter/foul weather clothing (hat, coat, gloves, poncho)



# Gun Safety Rules



- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. If you do not know how to properly unload the gun, leave the gun alone, and seek competent assistance.
- Know your target and what is beyond. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first - shoot second.
- Be sure the gun is safe to operate. Guns require regular cleaning and proper storage to function properly.
- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. Do not point the gun at yourself or others.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. While holding the gun, keep your finger outside the trigger guard.
- Know how to use the gun safely. Know a gun's basic parts. Be able to safely open and close the action. A gun's mechanical safety can malfunction, so treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- Use only the correct ammunition for your gun. Check to see if the gun barrel has the ammunition type stamped on it. Verify the actual type of ammunition being loaded into the gun.



# Gun Safety Rules (cont'd)



- Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate. Prior to shooting, tap your ear protection and eye protection to make sure you have it on.
- Be mentally prepared while at the range. Don't let outside influences distract you. Follow all Range Safety Officer commands - immediately. Absolutely no "horse play" will be tolerated.
- Be aware that certain types of guns, and many shooting activities, require additional safety precautions. Advance your marksmanship skills by taking advantage of more advanced - safe - shooting opportunities.
- Make absolutely sure that the gun is unloaded prior to cleaning it. The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Ammunition should not be present.
- If younger brothers and sisters are at home - and they are not ready to be trained in a gun's safe handling and use, consider teaching them the following if they find a gun: "STOP! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."
- Have fun punching holes in paper targets while at the range! Remember though - "Safety is a Mind Set."

Note: These gun safety rules are adapted from the National Rifle Association rules:

<http://www.nrahq.org/education/guide.asp>.

- Always follow the commands of the Range Safety Officer.



# Parker Cadet Squadron Procedures on the Range



- At the firing line:
  - Wait for the command “Load” before loading your rifle
  - Wait for the command “Fire” before bringing the loaded rifle up to your shoulder
  - Get in position and site the target before bringing your finger inside the trigger guard
- Anyone can call “Cease Fire!” at any time:
  - Remove your finger from the trigger, lower your rifle, and put the safety in the “On” position
- At the command “Make your weapons safe”:
  - Clear your rifle:
    - Rifle on “safe”, remove magazine, open action, visually inspect chamber to make sure it is clear (no round in the chamber)
    - Ground your rifle on the table
- Do not proceed across the firing line until told to do so by the Range Officer





# Clearing the rifle: Inspecting the chamber



Look Here!





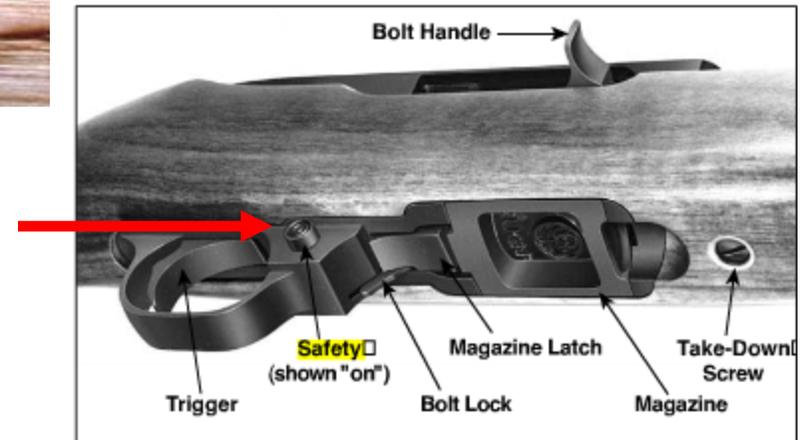
# Where's the Safety?



- Typical locations shown - usually a red dot or ring showing means the safety is “off” and the rifle is ready to fire



- Know where the safety is on the rifle you're about to fire!
- If you don't know: Ask!



FIRE (Off Safe) Position

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