

NRA Pre-Course Assessment: Home Firearm Safety

UNLOADING PROCEDURES FOR DIFFERENT ACTION TYPES

1. Double-Action Revolver

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a double-action revolver loaded with six rounds of dummy ammunition. The gun is resting on its right side with the action closed and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects chambers
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, cylinder open, and chambers visible.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

Notes:

2. Single-Action Revolver

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a double-action revolver loaded with six rounds of dummy ammunition. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects each chamber
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, loading gate open, and hammer in position that allows cylinder to be rotated.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

Notes:

3. Semi-Automatic Pistol

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a semi-automatic pistol with one round of dummy ammunition in the magazine and one in the chamber. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed, the safety (if applicable) in the "safe" position, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook. (Have the Instructor Candidate lock the slide back if the gun is equipped with a slide lock.)
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects the chamber
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, magazine out and slide back.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

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4. Bolt-Action Rifle

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a bolt-action rifle loaded with a round of dummy ammunition in the chamber and two or more additional rounds of dummy ammunition in the magazine. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed, the safety (if applicable) in the "safe" position, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects the chamber
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, magazine out (if applicable), action open, and chamber visible.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

Notes:

5. Semi-Automatic Rifle

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a semi-automatic rifle with one round of dummy ammunition in the chamber and two or more additional rounds of dummy ammunition in the magazine. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed, the safety in the "safe" position, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook. (If the rifle has a detachable magazine it should be removed first.)
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects the chamber
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, magazine out, action open and chamber visible.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

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6. Pump-Action Shotgun

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a pump-action shotgun loaded with one round of dummy ammunition in the chamber and two or more additional rounds of dummy ammunition in the magazine. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed, the safety in the "safe" position, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects the chamber
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, action open and chamber visible.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

Notes:

7. Hinge-Action Shotgun

The Instructor Candidate is brought to a table on which rests a hinge-action shotgun loaded with a round of dummy ammunition in each chamber. The gun is resting on its left side with the action closed, the safety in the "safe" position, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

Have the Instructor Candidate **explain and demonstrate** the proper procedures to unload this gun. Check that the Instructor Candidate performs the following:

- _____ a. Picks up gun, points in a safe direction, keeps finger off trigger.
- _____ b. Follows unloading procedures outlined in the *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- _____ c. Visually and manually inspects the chamber(s)
- _____ d. Returns gun to table with gun pointed in safe direction, action open and chamber(s) visible.

On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being highest), rate the Instructor Candidate's:

- _____ Knowledge of unloading procedure (explanation).
- _____ Skill in performing this procedure (demonstration).
- _____ Attitude toward safety (explanation and demonstration).
- _____ Comfort level in unloading this type of gun (explanation and demonstration).

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