

Qualification Requirements for Home Firearm Safety Instructor Candidates

It is **STRONGLY** recommended that Instructor Candidates (IC's) read the NRA handbook *Home Firearm Safety (ES 14120)* prior to attending the Instructor Candidate class. The handbook may be purchased for \$7.00 each (plus shipping and handling) through the following link: <http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=G-Books>

Unloading procedures: The Candidate must both explain and demonstrate basic safe handling and unloading procedures for each of the following action types:

1. Single Action Revolver

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction. Keep finger off of trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- c. Visually and physically inspect each chamber.
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, loading gate open, and hammer in position which allows cylinder to be rotated..

2. Double Action Revolver

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction. Keep finger off of trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- c. Visually and physically inspect each chamber.
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, cylinder open and chambers visible..

3. Semi-Automatic Pistol

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook. (**NOTE:** Magazine should be removed first - then Candidate will lock the slide/bolt back if the gun is equipped with a slide/bolt lock.)
- c. Visually and physically inspect the chamber.
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, magazine out, and slide back.

4. Bolt Action Rifle or Shotgun

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- c. Visually and physically inspect the chamber.
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, action open and chamber visible.

5. Semi-Automatic Rifle or Shotgun

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook. (**NOTE:** If detachable, magazine should be removed first – then Candidate will lock the bolt back if the gun is equipped with a bolt lock or, if not, will place an object into the ejection port holding the bolt open.)
- c. Visually and physically inspect the chamber(s).
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, action open and chamber visible.

6. Pump Action Shotgun or Rifle

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- c. Visually and physically inspect the chamber **AND** the magazine/follower.
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, action open and chamber visible.

7. Hinge/Break Action Shotgun or Rifle

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- c. Visually and physically inspect the chamber(s).
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, action open and chamber visible.

8. Lever Action Rifle or Shotgun

Candidates will:

- a. Pick gun up, point it in a safe direction, keep finger off trigger.
- b. Follow unloading procedures outlined in the NRA *Home Firearm Safety* handbook.
- c. Visually and physically inspect the chamber **AND** the magazine/follower.
- d. Return gun to table with muzzle pointed in a safe direction, action open and chamber visible.

RATING:

On a 1 to 5 scale (5 being the highest) Candidates will be rated on their performance of unloading each action type in regards to:

1. Knowledge of unloading procedure as indicated in their explanation.
2. Skill in performing this procedure as indicated in their demonstration.
3. Attitude toward safety as indicated in both their explanation and their demonstration.
4. Comfort level in unloading each type of gun as indicated in both their explanation and their demonstration.