

# JULY 4TH RANGE DAY SAFETY CHECKLIST

Independence Day Edition | Print and share with every guest before the event

Complete every section before the first round goes downrange. The RSO signs off on each section. Share this sheet with all guests before the event.

## 1 | BEFORE THE EVENT

- Discharge legal on this property (county confirmed)
- Backstop verified: compacted earth berm adequate
- Noise ordinance window confirmed for date/time
- RSO designated by name before guests arrive
- Minors identified: supervision assignments set

## 2 | RANGE SETUP

- Firing line established, downrange boundary marked
- Drinking/food area physically separated from line
- First aid kit staged at RSO station
- Eye and ear protection available for all guests
- Ammo staged in shade, out of direct sunlight

## 3 | GUEST BRIEFING (BEFORE FIRST ROUND)

- Four rules recited aloud by group
- Hot/cold protocol and cease-fire command explained
- Anyone can call cease-fire, for any reason
- Guest gun fit verified for any unfamiliar firearm
- Dry-fire observed for first-time users of this gun
- Alcohol policy stated: range session ends first

## 6 | GEAR LIST

- Eye protection (ANSI Z87.1-rated) *Every person on/near line*
- Electronic hearing protection (NRR 23+) *Every shooter*
- Closed-toe shoes + full-length clothing *Hot brass protection*
- Brimmed hat + sunscreen SPF 30+ *Multi-hour outdoor session*
- Water + electrolyte drinks *Pre-hydrate; 30-min breaks*
- Shaded ammo storage container *Keep out of direct sun*
- First aid kit staged at RSO station *Required*

## 7 | RSO BRIEFING SCRIPT — Read aloud before every session

"Before anyone touches a firearm, I need everyone to hear this. Treat every gun as loaded. Never point it at anything you are not willing to destroy. Finger off the trigger until you are on target and have decided to fire. Know your target and what is beyond it. I am the Range Safety Officer. The range is currently COLD. Do not touch any firearm until I call it HOT. Anyone can call CEASE-FIRE at any time, for any reason — stop immediately, open your action, and set the firearm down. No alcohol until this session ends. Questions before we begin?"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4 | DURING THE EVENT

- RSO active: all hot/cold calls made by RSO only
- Shade break enforced every 30 minutes
- Water and electrolytes available; guests reminded
- Heat stress signs monitored: dizziness, confusion
- Barrel cool-down enforced after sustained fire

## 5 | POST-EVENT

- Range declared cold by RSO
- All firearms unloaded, actions open, confirmed cold
- RSO confirms no loaded firearm leaves the line
- Brass policed, range area cleared
- Backstop and targets inspected for damage