

Fryeburg Shooting Facility Range Use Procedures and Rules



Follow the Four Fundamentals of Safe Firearms handling:

- ✓ Always keep firearms pointed in a safe direction - at Fryeburg the safe direction is downrange.
- ✓ Always keep your finger off your trigger until you are ready to shoot at the target.
- ✓ Always know your target and beyond.
- ✓ Always treat your firearm as if it is loaded and know the status of that firearm.



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Range Safety Officers (RSOs):



- Public use of the range is limited to times when an MDIFW approved Range Safety Officer is present to monitor shooting activity.
- RSOs can be identified by orange clothing (hats, vests, shirts) with MDIFW logo and Range Safety Officer markings.
- All users of the range must comply with the directions and commands of the MDIFW Range Safety Officer.

Signing In:

- All visitors must sign-in with the Range Safety Officers (RSOs). It is suggested that you leave your firearms and supplies in your vehicle until the RSO has assigned you a lane.
- Visitors must familiarize themselves with all range rules and adhere to them.
- Any visitor under 18 years old, must be accompanied by a person 21 years of age and older. *Accompanied means that the adult supervisor must be in direct proximity to the shooter to create a safe shooting environment, including be able to control the muzzle if the young shooter loses control of the firearm.*
- Lawfully carried firearms can be possessed in the facility, but these firearms may not be drawn, handled, or discharged from any location other than the established firing lines. Prior to any use at that the range all firearms will be unloaded with the action open and rested on the bench.



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User Safety:

- Appropriate eye and ear protection is required to be worn inside the shooting bay fencing.
- Smoking, vaping, or smokeless tobacco use (“chewing”) is prohibited outside of personal vehicles or the designated smoking area. Designated outdoor smoking is currently allowed in the parking area. *This is for the protection of users from inadvertently ingesting contaminated dust or lead particles. Litter from these activities must be contained and properly disposed of in appropriate receptacles.*



- No food or beverages (including water) are allowed at the shooting stations, regardless of container design. *This is for the protection of users from inadvertently ingesting contaminated dust or lead particles.*
- All visitors are responsible for safety. If a visitor sees an unsafe condition or behavior, they should call a cease fire and notify an RSO of the issue. Do not confront another visitor, simply call cease fire, and let the RSOs handle the situation.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, marijuana (or any of its derivatives), illegal drugs, or any prescription drugs or over the counter medication, that alters mood, vision, or hearing before or during live fire is strictly prohibited.
- There will be no more than two (2) people at a firing line bench at any one time. *If this adult visitor is accompanied with more than one child, the other children must always remain behind the yellow line to allow the adult to have proper supervision of the children at the firing line.*
- Transferring of loaded firearms from one visitor to another at the firing line is prohibited. All firearms must be unloaded, cleared, and placed on the bench before another user can pick up the firearm.
- Novice firearm users and children > 18 years old may be limited from 1-3 rounds in the magazine at a time, at the discretion of the RSO evaluating the user skill level and safe firearm handling ability.
- Visitors must always maintain muzzle control while at the facility. This means that firearms should be kept horizontal (flat) and pointed down range toward the fire berm.
- In case of a misfire or firearm malfunction, the shooter will keep the firearm pointed down range in a safe direction and raise their hand to alert the RSO.

Cold Range:

- A cold range means all firing must cease, firearms are emptied and placed on the bench, and visitors are allowed to go down range at the direction of the RSO.
- When the RSO calls “cold range”, visitors will do the following:

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hot range.

- 1) Unload, make clear, and place firearm on the bench. The firearm will remain with the chamber open, facing downrange, and without the magazine inserted.
 - 2) Visitors will step behind the bench and wait for RSO instructions.
 - 3) When the range is clear, the RSO will give the go-ahead to go down range and inspect and maintain targets. *All other users will remain behind the benches. No firearm or ammunition handling will occur while range is "cold", and people are downrange.*
- ❖ Note: this includes packing up to leave the range, this can only be done on a

Hot Range:

- A hot range is when active shooting can occur at the direction of the RSO.
- Once the range is clear, the RSO will check with visitors and declare that the range is "Hot".
- Visitors are now welcome to move forward toward the benches, and begin handling their firearms, ammunition, and related equipment.
- Visitors are free to engage their targets.
- Visitors must not go beyond the firing line in front of the shooting benches at any time the range is declared "hot".



Authorized Equipment and activities:

- Any firearm or archery equipment that is legally owned and possessed, can be safely operated, and is in good working order can be used at the range with the following conditions:
 - 1) No .50 BMG (browning machine gun) caliber firearms are allowed on the range.
 - 2) Lawfully owned and obtained automatic firearms can be used in semi-automatic mode only.
 - 3) Any device that allows for rapid succession of fire is prohibited unless operated in single fire mode, such as: bump stock, or binary triggers.
 - 4) Incendiary, tracer, marker, or penetrating (i.e., armor piercing, steel core, steel jackets, steel tips,) ammunition are prohibited.
 - 5) Black powder and muzzle loading firearm use may need to be limited when the range use is heavy, to limit interference with other users. *Note: The Department may hold special black powder shooting events.*
 - 6) Targets are restricted to paper or cardboard. A single target will be used at a time and should be attached in the central upper 1/3rd of the provided target stands (*some targets may have multiple points of aim; the goal is to have one appropriately sized target on the target frame at a time*).
 - 7) Tannerite, other explosive targets, and fireworks are prohibited.
 - 8) Use of steel targets is limited to Departmentally provided steel targets and can only be used at RSO discretion and must occur when range use is low, and the activity can be supervised by an RSO.

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- Visitors are welcome to use shooting bags, rests, bipods, or other shooting aids

Prohibited Activities:

- Handgun use is limited to high compressed or low ready positions, drawing from, or returning to a holster to fire at a target down range is prohibited on any of the firing bays.
- Rapid fire is prohibited, in other words, there will be a rate of fire no less than a one second interval between shots.
- There is no advancing or retreating from targets during firing.
- Excavating or removing materials (including spent projectiles) from any berm is prohibited.
- Purposeful shooting of structures, target frames, or non-authorized objects is prohibited.
- The use of ATVs, dirt bikes, bicycles, snowmobiles, kites, model airplanes, and drones is prohibited.
- No golfing or driving of golf balls.

Range Hygiene:

- The Department provides decontamination wipes for public users to use prior to leaving the range or before they retire to eat, drink, or smoke. These decontamination wipes are specifically designed to attract and bind lead and other heavy metals to the soft towel and remove from the skin.



- All litter (including paper targets, ammo boxes, etc.) must be contained and properly disposed of in appropriate receptacles.
- All visitors are responsible for picking up their own spent cases and either taking them home or putting them in the appropriate provided receptacles, marked for brass, or steel/aluminum. Visitors are welcome to borrow the provided casing recovery tools provided (i.e., rolling magnet, brass egg roller, etc.)

Emergencies:

- For all emergencies, the emergency rally point will be at the opening of between the large logs at the parking area.
- For medical emergencies or illness, make the RSO aware of the situation, so a cease-fire can be called, and the range made "cold".
- In the case sudden or imminent severe weather or high winds, the range will be closed, until the conditions improve or for the remainder of the day, whichever is in the best interest of visitor and public safety.