



Safety

Week of March 21st, 2005

Identify the Hazard
Evaluate the Hazard
Control the Hazard
Evaluate the Control

Member Safety

How Safe Is Your Attitude?

Safety is not just a matter of rules and regulation. Your attitude plays an important role in how safe the range is. You have a stake in knowing just how safe your attitude is. After all, it's your safety as well as the safety of others that's affected. Take inventory of your safety attitude with the following quiz. Which answer applies to you?

Give yourself... a test

- 3 points for each "Always,"
- 2 points for each "Usually,"
- 1 point for each "Sometimes"
- 0 points for each "Never."

- I pay attention to safety rules and procedures and always follow them.
- I ask questions when I don't understand a rule or procedure.
- I always use the right protective devices and equipment.
- I stay focused on my shooting at all times.
- I take action when I notice safety hazards, even if I didn't cause them.
- I'm safety oriented. I report hazardous situations.
- I come to range well-rested and sober.
- I leave anger at home.
- I know what to do in an emergency.
- I keep my archery equipment in good repair.
- I take time to think before I shoot.
- I realize that my attitude affects other people's safety as well as my own.

Now look at these examples of poor safety attitudes. What's wrong with each one?

- Safety rules are for when others are watching.*
- I'm always safe—except when it's hot or I'm in a hurry.*
- I'm willing to take risks; after all, it's only my own safety that's at stake.*
- Complying with rules is too complicated. I just watch what others do and follow their example.*
- I like to shoot on "automatic pilot"; it makes the time go by faster.*
- There are some rules I break; everyone does it.*
- Safety rules are important for beginners—not for old hands like me.*
- I'm not sure what to do in an emergency—but I'm sure someone else will help me if something happens.*
- I like to play practical jokes on others—it makes the time more fun for everyone.*

- Your score:**
- 30 or more: You have an excellent safety attitude and practices.
 - 20-30: Good. But why not change some of those "Sometimes" to "Always".
 - Below 20: You're taking too many chances with yours and others safety.