

## Range Safety Concerns Us All

Though our Range Regulations provide detailed instruction on what is and what is not allowed, it's a lot to remember. To keep things simple, we have put together an overview of key range rules that guide you from heading to the range, and using the range responsibly, to leaving. We hope you'll find it useful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

For detailed information, see the Range Regulations binder located against the left wall of the rifle shed, and in the stainless box left of the entrance to the clubhouse. You can download the full Range Regulations and the following Key Range Rules at: <http://ridgedale.net/sections/range-safety>

## Key Range Rules

- **Before leaving for the range, visit our website at <http://ridgedale.net/full-calendar> to check if the range you want to use is open and not closed for an event or rental! No Internet access? Call (604) 826-0552**
- **Be sure to take along your membership card!**
- **On approaching the gate, check the sign at the left of the entrance to ensure that the range is open. When the sign says, "CLOSED," but you see nobody at the ranges, DON'T USE the range anyway. Someone may be doing some work out of sight!**
- **Sign in at the kiosk of the first range you want to use!**
  - **At each range, sign in with your membership number, signature, range(s) you plan using, and time in.**
  - **Sign in the guest(s) with your number and mark as 'GUEST', as shown at the top of each sign in sheet.**
  - **Fill out the guest envelope with your membership number, the guest's name, address and telephone number. Insert the correct fee, as indicated on the wall, and put in slot. You only pay the guest fee once, at the first range you use!**
- **Remember that when on the range, you must wear your membership card at all times or you will be asked to leave.**
- **When taking firearms from your vehicle to a range, they must be cased properly!**
- **To show there is someone on the range, make sure the red flag is raised at the post of the range you are using. Even when you are not shooting, raise the flag to let the next member know there are other people on the range.**
- **Wearing eye and ear protection is strongly recommended! Youth under 19 years MUST wear eye and ear protection.**
- **Before entering the rifle shed, check if the range is active (RED light on) or under cease-fire (GREEN light on).**
- **On entering the rifle shed read the Key Range Rules. It's a helpful reminder!**
- **Place your cased firearm on the shelf against the wall or on the floor behind the firing line. Once the range is active, move your firearm to a shooting bench and uncase it.**
- **Guests must be under direct supervision of the member and shoot from the same bench as the host.**
- **During a cease-fire (when GREEN light is on):**
  - **No firearms are to be brought into the rifle shed, unless properly cased.**
  - **Do NOT move to a bench and open your case until the range is made active.**
  - **All firearms must be open, PROVED SAFE on a bench with barrel pointing down range, or placed in a rack.**
  - **No handling of firearms! Handling of ammo, magazines or other equipment is allowed!**
  - **When changing or hanging targets, enter range through marked entrance only.**
  - **Targets must be placed so bullets hit the back berm, NOT the ground.**

- **On the rifle range:**
  - Shotguns must shoot only single projectiles (slugs).
  - The first three have priority for 193-yard shooters.
  - At any time, only one firearm is allowed on the shooting bench.
- **On the pistol range:**
  - Place your firearm in its case on the shooting bench.
  - When the range is under a cease-fire, your firearm must remain in its case until the range is active. It then can be uncased on the bench.
  - During a cease-fire, do not handle any firearms, and stay behind the yellow line.
  - Enter the range through marked exits!
- **On the trap range:**
  - Guns not in use must be PROVED SAFE and racked with barrel pointed up!
  - Except just before calling for the target, guns must be open and fingers kept outside the trigger guard.
  - As soon as the match is over, guns are carried to the rack open, and then closed and placed in the gun rack, barrel up.
  - Keep fingers outside the trigger guard until ready to call for the target.
- **On all ranges:**
  - When no Range Safety Officer (RSO) is present, a member must act as Range Officer. The Range Officer's directions must be followed!
  - In case of a misfire, **keep muzzle pointed downrange for sixty (60) seconds** before opening the gun. Ask for help if needed.
  - Guests that do not possess a PAL must be kept within arm's reach of the member while shooting. This is a federal law!
  - No smoking on the range except in the designated area at the parking lot
  - No firearms are allowed on the archery range.
  - No dogs are allowed on the range during shooting times.
  - No alcohol is allowed on the range.
  - When you're done shooting, don't forget to clean up after yourself. You will find a broom and dustpan against the wall.
  - If you are the last to leave any of the ranges, turn off the lights (if applicable) and lower the red flag.
- **On leaving the range, do not forget to sign out! When you are the last to leave, lower the flag.**

## **Please Note**

When making someone aware of a violation of the range rules, or addressing that person for any other reason anywhere in the clubhouse or on the grounds, all members, including Executive Members, Board Members and RSOs always must act courteously, discreetly and respectfully, only raising ones voice in case of imminent danger. Always discuss disagreements, frustrations and problems in a calm constructive manner.

As we all want the club to run smoothly and safely, you are required to report people who are not following the rules. Violation/Incident Report forms are located in the Range Regulations binders at each range. Problems can only be resolved when we know about them!

**Failure to comply with the range rules may result in suspension or loss of membership!**