The Four Fundamentals of Safe Shooting

1. **Assume all guns are loaded**
   Whether or not a gun is loaded is something that you must verify personally with each gun you intend to handle. This means you must check each gun you pick up or are handed to make sure it is empty. If you don’t know how to check, ask.

2. **Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction**
   When at the line, even when you set the gun down, this means downrange. While all our guns will be cased when not at the line, if you’re not with us, this means in the safest direction available—usually down.

3. **Keep off of the trigger until ready to shoot**
   Until you have the target in your sights, keep your trigger finger resting on the side of the gun. This includes when picking up or setting the gun down and reloading.

4. **Know your target and what is beyond**
   Although not usually a problem at a shooting range, you should still be aware at all times. Remember that bullets can penetrate more that you might expect.

General Range Safety

1. **Obey Range Master instructions**
   “Cease fire” means stop shooting, unload your gun, and put it down. Be ready for other orders and don’t argue.

2. **Only handle guns at the line**
   We only handle guns when at the shooting line for rifle and pistol. Any other time, we case our guns. For shotgun, use gun racks between shoots if available and always obey Fundamentals.

3. **Safe gun passing**
   To pass a gun to another user, unload it, lock the action open, and set it down. The next user will pick it up, verify it is safe and empty, and then may load and begin shooting.

4. **Unfamiliar guns & Ammo**
   If you don’t know how to use a gun, get instruction before shooting it. Make sure it is in safe working order if there is any question about its condition. **Load only 1 round** for your first attempt. Also, there are many different types of ammo—some people even load their own—so make certain the ammo you load into your gun belongs there.