

PAL Cheat Sheet

The vital four ACTS of firearm safety.

- I. **Assume every firearm is loaded**
 - a. Regard any firearm as a potential danger.
- II. **Control the muzzle direction at all times**
 - a. Identify the safest available muzzle direction.
 - b. Keep the firearm pointed in the safest available direction.
 - c. The muzzle of the firearm should not be pointed towards yourself or another person.
- III. **Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard**
 - a. Resist the temptation to put your finger on the trigger or inside the trigger guard when you pick up a firearm.
 - b. Accidental discharge is far more likely to occur if your finger is on the trigger or inside the trigger guard.
- IV. **See that the firearm is unloaded – PROVE it is safe**
 - a. Do not handle the firearm unless you can properly **PROVE** it safely.
 - b. Check to see that both chamber and magazine are empty. Do this every time you handle a firearm, for any reason.
 - c. Pass or accept only open and unloaded firearms. This is an important habit to develop.

PROVE safe

Point the firearm in the safest direction available

Remove all ammunition

Observe the chamber

Verify the feeding path

Examine the bore for obstructions