



Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range - Otero County  
19 Rock Cliff Rd. La Luz, NM 88337 ~ 575-443-9006  
RANGE SAFETY RULES



- **All Shooters and Visitors must Sign in at the Office before shooting.**
  - Sign-out is not required.
  - Clean up after yourself: Trash in bins. Spent cases in barrels or home with you.
  - Return any items borrowed from the Range to the Office before departing the range.
- **All basic gun safety rules apply**, please use best judgment and common sense.
  - Treat ALL firearms as if they are Loaded.
  - Always keep the muzzle pointed in a Safe Direction > Down Range/Rear Berm.
  - Keep firearms Unloaded until ready to shoot.
  - Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
  - Always know your target and what is beyond it.
  - Use only correct ammunition for your firearm.
  - Ensure your firearm is in safe operating condition (Keep it clean, use your manual).
- **NO Alcohol or Drug use on the Range.** Do not consume alcohol or drugs before or during shooting.
  - **Anyone who is or is determined to be, by Range Staff, under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted to shoot that day.**
- **NO Smoking or Vaping on the firing line.** Must be 20 feet from buildings/structures.
- NO consuming of Food or Drink on the firing line, for your safety. Picnic tables, behind firing lines, may be used for food and drink.
- **Eye and Ear Protection are mandatory on the firing line for all shooters and spectators.**
  - In-ear hearing protection available for sale in the Office. Over-ear Hearing protection and Eye Protection are available to sign-out and return before you depart the Range.
- Open-toe shoes and low-cut clothing are strongly discouraged on the Range, for the safety of the wearer.
- **Children must have direct supervision at all times.** Shooters must be 18 for unsupervised rifle shooting/handling & 19 for unsupervised pistol shooting/handling. No holstered firearms for minors-except for official competition events.
- **Archery Range:** Only Archery is permitted on the Archery Range. No Broadheads.
- **Target Frames:** Wood target frames and stapler are available in the target shed.
  - Steel Target Frames are available for use with Shotguns (in GP bays only).
  - Only use approved target frames and bases on the Range; Speak with Range Staff if you have questions. No shooting of trash; boxes, electronics, glass, produce, etc.
  - Paper targets should be positioned in the center of the card-board. This helps to ensure level trajectory of your rounds, so that rounds impact the rear berm and to prevent the wooden uprights from being damaged as much as possible during shooting.
- **Ricochet Risk:** Please ensure that fired rounds are impacting the rear berm, not the ground behind your targets, to limit ricochet risk. If you are noticing ground strikes &/or ricochets, please adjust your target/s &/or alert Range Staff for assistance. NO Ground targets of any kind.
- **Clean up after yourself:** Trash in trash cans, spent cases in brass buckets/brass barrels located on each range (white GP bucket for GPs). If you reload, you are welcome to take your spent cases with you.
- If you have a **misfire/hang fire**, wait AT LEAST one minute - muzzle pointed downrange - before opening the action and removing the cartridge. DO NOT leave misfire rounds on the ground or in brass barrels. Turn in misfire rounds to the Office for proper disposal.
- Please **pick up dropped live ammo**, when it is safe to do so. NEVER reach/go forward of the firing line while the Range is in a "Hot"/Live status.
- The **Firing Line** on the 50-yd, 200-yd, and 360-yard range is the front edge of the concrete. DO NOT step onto dirt in front of firing line to shoot. Firing Line in General Purpose bays will be determined by users.
  - **Shoot ONLY from the firing line.** NEVER shoot from behind other individuals.



➤ **Range Commands:**

- **“Cold Range”** - **NO Handling of firearms on the firing line in a COLD Range Status.** To go down range -forward of the firing line- communicate with everyone on the firing line and ask for the range to go “COLD”. Obtain visual confirmation from every shooter prior to proceeding down range. All pistols will be placed on the bench - unloaded, actions open, muzzle pointed down range or placed in a case. All rifles will be placed on rifle racks or bench rests - unloaded, actions open or placed in a case.
- **“Hot Range”** - **DO NOT, under any circumstances, go forward of the firing line when the range is in “Hot”/Live Status.** When the range is clear and shooters are ready to commence firing, obtain visual confirmation from every shooter prior to handling firearms and transitioning to “Hot”/Live Range Status. **Live fire may only begin once all shooters are ready, i.e., eye and ear protection in place and all shooters/spectators are behind the firing line.**
- **“Cease Fire”** - May be called by anyone. If you see unsafe actions by other shooters or unsafe conditions on the range, during live fire, Yell **“CEASE FIRE” loudly until all shooters stop shooting, secure firearms, and assess what is happening. If you hear “Cease Fire”, stop what you are doing IMMEDIATELY, secure firearms, and assess.** As soon as it is safe to do so, alert Range Staff.
- **Do not climb the berms;** Large side/rear berms or small target line berms. No climbing/walking on berms.
- **Report any unsafe actions** by shooters &/or **unsafe conditions** to Range Staff as soon as it is safe to do so.
- **Shoot ONLY on the proper range for your firearms and ammunition:**
  - **360 Yard Range:** Target Setup: 100-, 200-, 300-, 360-yd. Steel plates/hanging gongs at 370 yards. **Rifles only. No rimfire calibers. No pistols. No shotguns.**
  - **200 Yd. Range:** Target Setup: 25-, 50-, 100-, 200-yd. Steel plates/hanging gongs at 220 yards. **Rifles and Hunting-Pistols (Barrel 6” or longer and .357 Mag or higher) only. No shotguns.**
  - **360- & 200- yd Ranges:** **Up to 300 Win Mag only on the Steel/Gongs.** You may drive on the access road to set up your target/s.
  - **50 Yd. Range:** Target Setup: 7-, 15-, 25-, 50-. Steel plates/hanging gongs at 60 yards. **Rimfire Rifles and Handguns (pistol caliber carbines allowed). No Shotguns. No rifle calibers.**
  - **General Purpose Ranges:** Up to 45 Yards open bay, no fixed Firing Line. First come - First serve basis. **Rifles, Handguns, and Shotguns. Stay within the berms. Do not climb on any berms.** Reactive targets and steel Spinner targets may be used in GP ranges only (must be on the backstop not on the ground and be approved by a RSO prior to shooting). **No clay throwers - No aerial targets.** See staff for Steel Frames for use with shotguns.
- No Steel-core, Green-tip, Black-tip, Orange-tip, or Armor-piercing ammunition on any Steel/Gongs.
- No tracer or incendiary rounds may be used on the Range.
- **Hunting is NOT permitted** within the Range boundary.
- Automatic Firearms and other Class III devices are permitted on appropriate ranges with proper paperwork and Range personnel review of paperwork prior to shooting.
- **Shooter caused damage to the Range and/or Range Property will result in a repair fine and/or removal from the Range.**
- **Follow all written and verbal instruction by Range Staff &/or Range Safety Officers, failure to do so may result in loss of range privileges for that day or beyond.**
- **Hours of Operation:**
  - Summer: 8 am - 6:30 pm. Last sign-in 5:30 pm. Finish shooting no later than 6:15 pm.
  - Winter: 8 am - 5:30 pm. Last sign-in 4:30 pm. Finish shooting no later than 5:15 pm.
  - **Range Hours of Operation are subject to change due to staffing and weather conditions.**
- **Visit our Facebook page for updates and info: “Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range – Otero County”.**