



## **Important Information and Notices**

### **Basic Safety Rules:**

1. Assume every firearm is loaded, unless proven otherwise. That means the cylinder of a revolver is swung out and empty. On a semi-auto handgun, the magazine must be removed, the slide locked back, and the action empty of all ammo or casings.
2. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction. That includes while loading or unloading a firearm. In a CCW class, the only safe direction is at the target. Up in the air is not a safe direction.
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
4. Know your target and what is beyond.
5. Keep the firearm unloaded until ready for use.
6. The primary safety of any firearms is your finger.

### **Issuance of CCW Permit Not Guaranteed:**

Because the decision to issue a CCW permit is entirely at the discretion of your issuing authority (Sheriff's Office or Police Chief), because "Good Cause" is not statutorily defined in the State of California, and because "Good Cause" is not definitively described by your issuing authority, Sierra CCW and its instructor(s) do not represent or guaranty that any student successfully passing this class will be issued a CCW permit.

### **Know How Your Revolver Works:**

The cylinder on a revolver can rotate either clockwise or counter-clockwise. For safety and for self defense, it is important to know which way your revolver operates. The easiest way to determine the direction of cylinder rotation on a revolver is to examine the cylinder stop notches. The cylinder stop notches are machined grooves, the shape of which resembles an arrowhead, found on the surface of the cylinder near its rear edge. The "tip" of the arrowhead points in the direction the cylinder rotates. Thus, by observing the cylinder stop notches, the instructor and the student will know which way the cylinder will turn when the revolver is cocked.

### **Inappropriate Calibers:**

Issuing agencies are increasingly restricting the calibers they will accept for CCW firearms. You are responsible for ascertaining your issuing agency's requirements for acceptable calibers. Just because your instructor qualifies you with a particular firearm, does not mean your issuing agency will accept that firearm for your CCW permit.