

Sierra CCW FIREARMS TRAINING

Notices, Class Safety, and Additional Information

CCW Original Application Class
CCW Renewal Application Class

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Course Syllabus- Original CCW Permit Class (8 Hrs)

1. Welcome and Instructor Introduction
2. Distribution of Materials, Payment, Liability Forms
3. Introduction to class format, restrooms, breaks, parking, class rules
4. Introduction and distribution of *California CCW Handbook*
5. Classroom Safety
6. Second Amendment Issues
7. Good Cause, Discussion
8. Break
9. The CCW Permit Renewal Application Process Review
10. Firearm Safety
11. Firearm Form and Function, Breakdown, Reassembly
12. Ammunition
13. Which Firearms are the Most Appropriate to Carry, Discussion
14. Break
15. Holsters and Accessories
16. Firearm Cleaning and Maintenance
17. Shooting Fundamentals
18. Self Defense Options: When is it Time to Run?
19. Using a Firearm in Self-Defense Outside the Home
20. Using a Firearm in Self-Defense Inside the Home
21. Consequences of Using a Firearm in Self-Defense
22. Break
23. California Law Review
24. County Law Review: Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, or Alpine
25. Local Ordinances
26. Break
27. Criminal Prosecution and Liability Issues
28. Practical Considerations for Carrying a Firearm
29. Review for Test
30. Break
31. Test
32. Test Scoring
33. Travel to Range
34. Range Set-Up, Range Rules, and Range Safety Review
35. No-Ammo Exercises
36. Live Fire Practice: 10', 15' 25'. (Students will not be allowed to draw from the holster)
37. Qualification: Live Fire at Target, as per issuing authority requirements.
38. Discuss any need for remediation.
39. Issue Certificates, or discuss why Certificate was not issued.



Sierra CCW Firearms Training

Course Syllabus- Renewal CCW Permit Class (4 Hrs)

1. Welcome and Instructor Introduction
2. Distribution of Materials, Payment, Liability Forms
3. Introduction to class format, restrooms, breaks, parking, class rules
4. Introduction and distribution of *California CCW Handbook*
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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.



READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, _____, do hereby acknowledge and agree that participation in this class, and/or time spent at any shooting range, facility, or land used for training as part of this class, is conditioned upon the following:

1. I am taking this class voluntarily.
2. I can be dismissed and removed from class at any time and without prior warning, and without receiving a Certificate of Completion or any refund of fees or costs associated with taking this class, if at any time the instructor believes:
 - A) I have violated, disobeyed, or disregarded safety rules, as set forth by the instructor,
 - B) I have disregarded special instructions or directions given to me by the instructor,
 - C) I have disobeyed rules of the shooting range, as set forth by the instructor or rangemaster,
 - D) I have handled firearms or ammunition when asked not to do so by the instructor,
 - E) I have cheated on any test, exam, or qualification,
 - F) My behavior or actions put myself or any other person at risk of injury or death,
 - G) My behavior is offensive or disruptive to class.
3. No Certificate of Completion will be issued if I discontinue or leave class before the instructor determines I have met the skills and learning requirements necessary to earn a Certificate of Completion.
4. I agree to immediately notify emergency responders by calling 911, or to otherwise actively summon help, if the instructor or anyone else is injured in class or at the shooting location, and to administer aid to the instructor if the instructor is injured, and to remain on the scene until help arrives if the instructor, or any other person, is injured, whether in the classroom or at any shooting range, facility, or land used for practicing shooting skills, unless otherwise directed by the instructor or other emergency responders.
5. I understand, acknowledge and agree that all material presented in this class, whether written, oral, pictorial, or videographic, is the sole opinion of the instructor, and that I will not rely solely on the material presented in this class for any self-defense action of which I am, or may ever be, a part.
6. I acknowledge that I am advised to consult an attorney skilled in the self-defense laws of California before carrying any weapon or firearm, for defensive purposes or otherwise.

I HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFY SIERRA CCW, ROBERT GROSSMAN, ROBERT SCOTT, ITS OWNERS, INSTRUCTORS, SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, VENDORS AND AFFILIATES, FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM ACCIDENTAL OR INTENTIONAL DEATH, PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL INJURY, OR FROM FAILURE TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THIS CLASS OR AT ANY SHOOTING RANGE, FACILITY, OR LAND USED FOR PRACTICING SHOOTING, OR AT ANY TIME AFTERWARDS, OR FROM ANY MISUSE, MISINTERPRETATION, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS OF INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS CLASS OR AT ANY SHOOTING RANGE, FACILITY, OR LAND USED FOR PRACTICING SHOOTING, OR FROM ANY OTHER CLAIM BASED ON THE MATERIALS, VIEWS, OPINIONS, MEDIA, PROPS, DEMONSTRATIONS, OR TECHNIQUES PRESENTED IN THIS CLASS, OR FROM LIVE-FIRE DRILLS, TARGET QUALIFICATIONS, OR SHOOTING COMPETITIONS AT ANY VENUE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CLASS.

I have read, understand, acknowledge, and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth hereinabove;

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent of Guardian _____

(Version 2.5 Sierra CCW use: Approved _____)



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SAFETY NOTICE & FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Live-fire shooting exercises, including range qualification events, are a part of this class. Participation in this class is voluntary. Because safety is the top priority in this class, I acknowledge, understand and agree to the following:

1. Discharging firearms, even in controlled environments, can be dangerous or even lethal to myself, other participants and any others nearby. Sierra CCW is NOT requiring me to participate in live-fire events. Since a live-fire qualification is necessary to receive a Certificate of Completion for a CCW permit application, if I choose not to participate in live fire events in this class, I will not be issued a Certificate of Completion.
2. The instructor may terminate my participation in any live fire-event, or in the classroom, if the instructor determines my behavior or actions to be unsafe. If such a determination is made, I may be asked to leave the range or class immediately, and I will not receive any refund for the class.
3. Pointing my firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, at myself, the instructor, or at any other person, will result in immediate disqualification, and I may be asked to leave the range or class immediately, and I will not receive any refund for the class.
4. Handling, loading, unloading, playing with, or dry-firing any firearm in the safe area behind the firing line may result in disqualification, and I may be asked to leave the range or class immediately, and I will not receive any refund for the class.
5. When using a two-handed grip while discharging any semi-automatic handgun, crossing my thumbs behind the backstrap or slide will likely result in injury to myself. It is my sole responsibility to operate my firearm(s) in a safe manner. Safe operation includes keeping both my thumbs on the same side of the firearm, and out of the way of the slide.
6. If I discharge my firearm, either intentionally or unintentionally, and as a result I or someone else is injured or killed, or property is damaged, I may be held criminally and financially responsible.
7. If I discharge my firearm, either intentionally or unintentionally, and as a result the instructor is injured, or the instructor's vehicle or other property is damaged, I will voluntarily personally and timely compensate the instructor for such damages, including any and all medical expenses, ongoing treatment as the result of such injuries, rehabilitation necessitated by such injuries, medically necessitated transportation including air transportation, and lodging, mobility devices, and loss of income. I will also reimburse any other class-members their costs associated with taking the class if, as a result of my injuring the instructor, those other students are unable to complete the class. Instructor's property includes vehicles, range bags and any contents therein, equipment boxes and any contents therein, the instructor's firearms, protective or professional clothing and equipment, and other gear.
8. Any firearm can be damaged, especially when mishandled, or by using improper, defective, or self-loaded ammunition. Even proper, safe handling can sometimes result in firearm damage. I am solely responsible for any damage to my firearm(s) during this class, and will hold harmless Robert Grossman, Robert G. Scott, and/or Sierra CCW for any damages sustained to my firearm or other equipment during this class and/or qualification event.
9. If I am unable to safely operate my firearm as a result of a manufacturing defect, neglect or improper maintenance, lack of lubrication, unfamiliarity with the operating instructions, amount of recoil, difficult slide operation, the firearm is inappropriate for my physical abilities or limitations, or other reasons, I may not be able to complete the range qualification, and therefore I may not receive a Certificate of Completion. Providing a well-maintained, operable, appropriate firearm and the correct ammunition for use in this class is my sole responsibility.
10. I can increase my personal safety in this class and at the range by purchasing and wearing ballistic resistant clothing or equipment, such as a bullet-proof vest. Such clothing and equipment does not remove all of the risks associated with discharging firearms, or being at a shooting range.
11. Other persons not associated with this class may be discharging firearms at the facility where this class will hold range qualifications events. Those other persons may have no safety training or supervision, may not know how to operate their firearms, and may not know or obey even the most basic safety rules. Such persons pose a risk to me and to others. The instructor has no control over who uses public ranges, and no authority to ensure others at the range behave in a safe manner. I am free to leave the shooting facility at any time I feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

(Version 1.0 Sierra CCW)

What to Expect at Range Qualification

The purpose of the range qualification portion of your CCW course is to demonstrate the bare minimum firearm skills required by your issuing agency. CCW applicants are responsible for obtaining additional training and to continually practice, so they are able to proficiently operate, draw, reload, and re-holster their firearms, quickly and reliably identify and engage targets, and demonstrate good self-defense decision making.

Per your issuing agency's requirement, applicants must demonstrate command of their CCW firearms by completing a course of live fire at designated targets, and by achieving a passing score for each firearm listed on their CCW applications.

In California, each issuing agency is responsible for developing its own range qualification requirements. Therefore, courses of fire for qualification may differ greatly between agencies. A typical course of fire (currently for Placer and Nevada counties) might include: at a 12" x 18" target, 5 shots at 1.5 yards, 5 shots at 3 yards, 10 shots at 5 yards, 5 shots at 7 yards, and 5 shots at 10 yards. Out of 30 shots fired, 80%, or 24 total, must hit the target to pass qualification.

An applicant can, and likely will be disqualified by the instructor if the applicant demonstrates unsafe handling of firearm, which includes (even inadvertently) pointing a firearm at the instructor, other applicants, other people at the shooting facility, or other unsafe areas, for unsafe loading or unloading of firearms, the inability to clear firearm or make the firearm safe for inspection, or by shooting wildly or in an uncontrolled fashion. Handling, loading, unloading, playing with, or dry firing a firearm in the safety area or staging area behind the firing line is forbidden, and will result in immediate disqualification.

At the shooting facility, your instructor will discuss the Range Safety Plan and Range Emergency Plan. Hearing protection, eye protection, appropriate clothing, and appropriate footwear must be worn at the range or other shooting venue at all times.

Your instructor will demonstrate to you safe shooting techniques in class before the range qualification. The instructor may inspect your firearm(s) to match serial number(s) with that listed on CCW application. Only fresh, factory-new, boxed ammo is allowed at the qualification venue. You alone are responsible for knowing how to safely operate your firearm(s), for reading the owner's manual, and for keeping your firearm(s) properly lubricated and maintained. If the instructor determines your firearm to be unsafe for any reason, you may not be able to complete the qualification.

The instructor may conduct live-fire practice drills before the qualification event. Be prepared to clear malfunctions. Your instructor may load a snap-cap into your magazine during the live-fire practice session.

You must qualify separately with each firearm that will be listed on your CCW permit. If you fail to qualify with a firearm, you may reschedule another qualification session with the instructor. Additional costs may apply.

Even while at a shooting range under the supervision of an instructor, you will be held civilly and criminally responsible for any damage, death, or injury caused with your firearm, even if that damage, injury or death is unintentional. You are personally responsible for every bullet that leaves the barrel.

Range Safety Rules

Range safety is top priority. These Range Safety Rules shall be in effect and enforced any time class activities are held at any shooting range, or any other venue where live fire drills and simulated fire drills are conducted.

1. Follow the rules and instructions set forth by your instructor. Failure to obey safety rules will result in termination of your instruction, and a Certificate of Completion will NOT be issued.
2. When at the range, handle firearms only when instructed to do so by your instructor.
3. Ammunition may be loaded into your firearm only at the firing line, and only when instructed to do so by the instructor.
4. Unloading of ammunition may only be conducted at the firing line, and only when instructed to do so by the instructor.
5. All firearms, whether loaded or unloaded, may only be pointed downrange, or other indicated "safe area", designated by the instructor. Violation of this rule will result in termination of your instruction, and a Certificate of Completion will NOT be issued.
6. If your firearm, whether accidentally or intentionally, and whether loaded or unloaded, points at yourself, or any other person at the venue, even momentarily, this will result in the termination of your instruction, and a Certificate of Completion will NOT be issued.
7. If your firearm, whether accidentally or intentionally, and whether loaded or unloaded, is dropped, fumbled, grossly mishandled, or you otherwise lose control of your firearm, this will result in the termination of your instruction, and a Certificate of Completion will NOT be issued.
8. Draw only when instructed to do so by your instructor.
9. Fire only when instructed to do so by your instructor. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
10. Fire only the number of rounds that your instructor tells you to fire.
11. Fire only at the target your instructor specifies. Do not shoot at another student's target.
12. Do NOT point your firearm up into the air during the course of fire.
13. You are responsible for every bullet that leaves the chamber, and you will be held financially and or criminally responsible for any injuries or damage caused by shooting your firearm.
14. All students, whether on the fire line or not, are required to wear hearing protection, eye protection, appropriate clothing, and appropriate footwear.
15. A first aid kit will be on site, and available to all students, instructors, bystanders, etc.
16. When on the firing line, if you have a question, experience a malfunction, or feel unsafe for any reason, stop firing, keep your finger off the trigger, point your firearm in a safe direction, and raise your hand.
17. If any other student on the firing line raises his or her hand, immediately cease firing, keep your finger off the trigger, and point the firearm in a safe direction, unless and until directed otherwise by the instructor.
18. Students may shoot only factory-new, boxed ammunition. Reloaded ammo will not be allowed for instruction or qualification.
19. All firearms must be in good working order, must have been previously test-fired by the student, must be properly lubricated and clean, and must be free of packing grease.
20. In the event of an injury to yourself, to another student, instructor or bystander, all firing will immediately cease, firearms are to be made safe, and all efforts shall be made by the student to call for emergency help and/or to aid the victim.
21. No friends or relatives are allowed at live-fire venues, with the exception of parents accompanying minors. Parents are subject to all of the same safety rules as students. Accompanying parents are prohibited from handling firearms or ammunition.
22. Any behavior deemed irresponsible, offensive, inappropriate, unsafe, or detrimental to course objectives will result in the termination of your instruction, and a Certificate of Completion will NOT be issued.

Range Emergency Plan

In the event of an emergency situation at the firing range, or any other venue where live-fire and simulated-fire drills and instruction are conducted, and in the case of any injury requiring medical attention, the following "Range Emergency Plan" shall be followed:

1. Upon notification or observance of an emergency situation or injury requiring immediate medical attention, all students, personnel, and instructors, shall immediately cease firing, make all firearms safe and holstered, and shall immediately tend to the emergency or injured person(s).
2. Follow the directions given by the instructor.
3. The instructor, student(s), or other person designated by the instructor, shall immediately dial 911 to summon first responders to the scene.
4. The person dialing 911 shall notify the 911 operator that an emergency situation or injury requiring immediate medical attention has occurred, the location of the incident, how many parties are involved, the nature of the emergency or injury, and request immediate assistance. Answer all questions asked by the 911 operator. Inform the 911 operator that the incident has taken place at a firing range or other shooting venue, and that instructors and students have firearms.
5. Instructors and any students familiar with first aid must render aid to the injured parties.
6. A first aid kit shall be available at the venue, usually with the instructor.
7. Other students, personnel or bystanders, must not impede the aid given by others. In other words, if you are not helping, stay out of the way.
8. Stay at the venue. Do not leave, even if the situation looks to be under control. Police, fire, or medical personnel may wish to interview you.
9. Students not rendering aid shall help by keeping crowds back, stowing ammunition, and otherwise help to make the scene safe.
10. In the event of a wildfire, students shall evacuate to a location as specified by the instructor.
11. Remember, police and first responders do not know what they are faced with when approaching the scene. They do not know if there is a bad guy, who the victims are, or who might pose a threat to their safety. If they see a person down, and another person holding a gun, bad things can happen. Do not pull out a firearm when police arrive.



Range Prep: How to Hit the Target

A projectile (bullet) travels toward the target where the gun barrel is pointed at the instant the cartridge is ignited:
if the sights are aligned properly with the barrel, and...
if the barrel is aligned properly with the target, and...
if the barrel does not move when the gun is fired, and...
if the target does not move as the projectile is moving through the air...
if no other external forces or ballistic forces act upon the projectile...
then the bullet will hit the target!

Wind, gravity, and a tumbling bullet can all affect its trajectory, but those forces are negligible at short, self-defense distances.

What causes a bullet to not hit the intended target?

1. Gun sights might be off.
2. Barrel could be damaged.
3. Trigger finger may push or pull the barrel away from target.
4. Shooter could be flinching.
5. Shooter could be closing eyes when trigger is pulled.
6. Target may be in a different place from where it was when the shot was fired.

In self-defense situations, it is highly likely the target will be moving quickly and unpredictably, and the CCW holder will also be moving, running, breathing hard, and muscles may be trembling as well.

Consistently hitting center mass on a static target with your firearm does not mean you will be able to hit an actual aggressor in an emergency situation.

Accuracy counts more than speed. Draw smoothly. Know if your safety is on or off. Know if there is a cartridge in the chamber. Keep your finger off the trigger until pointed at the target. Do not "spray and pray". Make your shots count.

Use proper finger control. Every "bang" should be a surprise.

Take your time. Range qualification is not a race or a timed event. No extra points are awarded for finishing first. The furthest targets are no harder to hit than the closest....if you take your time.

Think about where your gun is pointed at all times. Panning anyone with your firearm, dropping your firearm, pointing your firearm in an unsafe direction, or handling your firearm in the staging area will get you disqualified, and no Certificate of Completion will be issued.

Remember, you are responsible for every projectile that leaves your barrel. You will be held civilly and criminally liable for anything or anyone you injure or damage using your firearm.

Be careful, and have fun!