

# Picatinny Arsenal Indoor Archery Range Safety Brief

## General Conduct and Access

- Adherence to Policy: All patrons must read and strictly adhere to the range's operating policy. Failure to comply may result in immediate expulsion and potential revocation of range privileges.
- Eligibility: Access is restricted to active, dues-paying members of the Rod & Gun Association and registered participants in MWR-approved archery programs.
- Sign-In: All users are required to sign the Archery Range logbook upon entry.
- Supervision of Minors: Minors (age 17 and younger) must always be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- Prohibited Items: Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and pets are strictly prohibited within the facility.
- Spectators: All spectators and non-shooters must remain in the designated viewing areas and are not permitted to cross the firing line.

## Bow and Equipment Regulations

- Bow Registration: All bows (Compound, Recurve, Longbows, Crossbows) must be registered with the Picatinny Police Conservation Officer. You must carry your hard-copy registration card whenever transporting a bow on the Arsenal.
- Equipment Inspection: Before shooting, all archers must conduct a safety check of their equipment:
  - Inspect bow for any cracks or damage.
  - Ensure the bowstring is not frayed.
  - Check that arrows are straight and undamaged.
- Targets: Users must provide their own paper targets. The use of cans, bottles, or other makeshift targets is forbidden.
- Broadheads: Broadhead arrows may only be used at the specifically designated target butts. Use of any other target is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate expulsion and financial liability for damages.

## Range Safety and Firing Commands

- Follow Commands: Always obey the commands of the Range Safety Officer (RSO) or instructor.
- Muzzle Discipline: Never point a bow at anyone, for any reason. Keep arrows always pointed downrange.
- Nocking Arrows:
  - Only nock an arrow when you are on the shooting line and have been instructed to do so.
  - NEVER nock an arrow while anyone is downrange.
- Whistle Commands:

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Command</b>	<b>Meaning &amp; Action Required</b>
<b>Two Blasts</b>	<b>"Get Bow"</b>	<b>Proceed to the Shooting Line. Archers may pick up their bows and move from the waiting line to the shooting line. Arrows must remain in their quivers.</b>
<b>One Blast</b>	<b>"Shoot"</b>	<b>Begin Shooting. Archers may load an arrow, aim, and begin shooting their designated number of ends.</b>

<b>Three Blasts</b>	<b>"Go Retrieve"</b>	<b>Retrieve Arrows. All bows must be placed back on the racks. Archers may walk forward to the target line to retrieve their arrows and score.</b>
<b>Four or More Blasts (or continuous)</b>	<b>"Emergency Cease Fire"</b>	<b>Stop Shooting Immediately. If you are at full draw, safely let down. Do not release the arrow. Place your bow on the rack or ground and step back behind the waiting line. Anyone on the range can call a cease fire.</b>

- Retrieving Arrows: Do not move past the firing line to retrieve arrows until the "Range Clear" command has been given.

**Emergency Procedures**

- Cease Fire: Any person who witnesses an accident or unsafe condition must immediately shout "CEASE FIRE!" All archers will de-nock their arrows and step away from the firing line.
- Medical Emergency: In case of an injury, call 911 or the Picatinny Police Desk immediately. Provide the location (Building 3311, Indoor Archery Range) and the nature of the emergency.
- Report Unsafe Behavior: All unsafe behavior must be reported to the RSO or MWR staff immediately.

**Enforcement**

The Range Safety Officer has absolute authority to enforce all procedures. Violations will result in disciplinary action, ranging from a verbal warning to permanent revocation of range privileges and reporting to your chain of command.

- Automatic Expulsion: The following actions will result in immediate expulsion from the range:
  - Nocking an arrow while anyone is downrange.
  - Possession or use of alcohol or drugs.
  - Using an unregistered bow.
  - Using broadheads on unauthorized targets.

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_