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NEW MEMBER TRAINING PROGRAMME THE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF HAND GUNS

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Prior to cleaning any firearm it must be inspected to ensure that it is unloaded. Remove magazine and leave the action open.

You can not be oversafe when it comes to handling a firearm. **Always** treat a gun as loaded until you have checked to make sure.

Why clean a firearm?.

- * Maintain efficient operation.
- * Remove build up of residue which may interfere with operation and cause malfunctions and safety problems.
- * Minimise corrosive effects of ammunition.
- * Protect firearms in storage.
- * Inspect for wear or damage.

How to clean after use.

Pistol - Self Loading (Field Strip)

- * Remove magazine, barrel and slide.
- * Clean barrel.
- * Wipe or brush away residue (use a toothbrush or similar).
- * Wipe and inspect all wear surfaces.
- * Lightly oil and reassemble.
- * Wipe and lightly oil surface taking care to remove all fingerprints.

Revolver

- * Remove/open and clean cylinders.
- * Clean barrel.
- * Wipe or brush away residue (use a toothbrush or similar).
- * Wipe and inspect all wear surfaces.
- * Lightly oil and reassemble.
- * Wipe and lightly oil surface taking care to remove all fingerprints.

How to clean before use!

- * Wipe all oil from surface.
- * Remove **all** traces of oil from barrel, breech or cylinders and breech face. Excess oil in the barrel can result in a bulged barrel. Excessive pressure can be put on the breech face and locking lugs if the chamber is oily.
- * Have only wear points lightly lubricated i.e. slide, cylinder hinge etc.

NOTE 1 For long periods of storage a firearm will need to be well oiled and maybe greased as well.

NOTE 2 Do not strip your firearm any further than for field stripping. This requires specialised knowledge and experience.

Summary

A clean firearm will operate efficiently and safely giving the user greater satisfaction and enjoyment. Regular cleaning will also enable the discovery of faults and wear before it becomes serious. Most importantly a valuable investment will be protected.