



FIREARM INSTRUCTOR RED FLAGS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR & WHAT TO AVOID

When it comes to firearms, responsible handling and safety are paramount. Whether you're a new gun owner eager to learn, or a veteran sportsman looking to sharpen your skills, finding the right instructor is crucial. Unfortunately, not all who claim the title of firearm "instructor" are equals.

RED FLAGS



- ✓ The Service Provider doesn't think that basic firearm safety methods and equipment are necessary!
- ✓ The Service Provider didn't bring eye-protection and/or ear-protection!
- ✓ The Service Provider has no concern about the target backstop, such as having no dirt berm or shooting into a stand of trees among woods!
- ✓ The backstop material is inappropriate for the ammunition used, such as firing into waterways and ponds!
- ✓ The Service Provider disregards the potential for wildlife and even other humans that could be among the backstop area!

YELLOW FLAGS



- ✓ The Service Provider has no formal training at all or worst state they don't need it.
- ✓ The Service Provider states they have been "shooting" since they were 'a kid' or for [insert integer] years.
- ✓ The Service Provider states or justifies that their knowledge is based on owning multiple firearms. As though ownership across a number of years or in a given quantity bestows the person with skillsets and the ability to pass on knowledge to others. Which it does not.
- ✓ The Service Provider has stated and shown an interest to focus their time on 1) you and 2) your opportunity to shoot & learn from them and the experience overall.
- ✓ The Service Provider brings a wide variety of firearms to what is for you a first opportunity introduction to shooting. Rather than having just one or two firearms and thinking to keep things simple, it's now a show & tell exhibition.

GREEN FLAGS

- ✓ The Service Provider emphatically 1) speaks to, 2) demonstrates, and 3) educates with a priority on safe handling of firearms and ammunition.
- ✓ The Service Provider has an ability to 1) demonstrate and 2) perform what they're stating they will teach the student. While being 3) capable to do so on demand without a need of 'warm-up'.
- ✓ The Service Provider has a stated agenda to instruct the student on the specific 1) goal & objective and 2) manner of achievement along with 3) means of measuring progress.
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- ✓ The Service provider chooses to start you out with low energy & recoil ammunition chambered in .22LR for handgun and rifle, 9mm for handgun and pistol-based carbine, or with birdshot type shells for shotgun.

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