

KEEPING THE PIECE

Women's Shooting Club

Safety First:

- 1) Treat all Guns as Loaded!
- 2) Never point muzzle of any firearm toward anything you do not wish to destroy.
- 3) Keep trigger finger outside trigger well, on something solid, until sights indexed on target and decision to shoot is made.
- 4) Know target and what lies behind.



Points to Ponder (August 20, 2011)

Reloads – Emergency, Speed, Tactical, Administrative

Emergency Reload – Done when slide is locked to rear notifying shooter that gun needs ammo. Index fresh magazine and present to gun while dropping used mag. Insert fresh mag just below eye level with gun slightly rotated toward support side while eyes remain on threat. When you can no longer see bullets, indexing hold shifts to heel on baseplate of mag to drive it home in one swift movement. Shooter racks slide to chamber a round and is then ready to shoot. Threats may still be present, so used magazine is not retained.

Speed Reload – Done when there's a lull in the fight and shooter has moments to 'top off' the gun to prepare for more enemy engagement. This type of reload is also used strategically in competitive shooting to save precious time on racking a slide while transitioning between targets. Reload is performed the same way except the slide is not locked back, so will not need to be 'racked' after insertion of fresh magazine.

Tactical Reload – Done when the attacker has stopped pursuit & shooter has opportunity to take cover and 'top off' the weapon. Partially used magazine is retained for later use. New magazine is indexed with support hand and presented to gun. Old mag is dropped and retained between thumb & first finger of support hand. Shift so that fresh magazine may be inserted as usual, driving mag into mag well with a swift, firm motion. If reload is begun from slide-lock, remember to rack slide to chamber new round.
[Note: partially used mags are stored in a different location from fresh ones]

Administrative Reload – Performed with gun remaining in holster, usually to top off between range exercises while shooter is behind firing line. Gun must remain holstered for safety purposes. Reach behind body to press mag release with support hand. Remove mag, reload that mag or replace with fresh one. Store any partially used mags in separate location from fresh ones.

Remember, ladies...

“Reload when you can, not when you have to!”

(Jim Higginbotham)