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### Deadline for submissions for the April issue of *Bullet* magazine is: March 12, 2024

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### President's Message

### The battle continues for the Second Amendment

By Ira M. Pesserilo

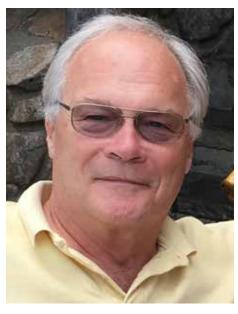
On Jan. 11, 2023, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney placed a proposed resolution before the House of Representatives, condemning New York's so-called "Concealed Carry Improvements Act" as unconstitutional.

While some may argue that this resolution is merely a statement of good intentions, it serves three necessary purposes. Firstly, it takes a stand that the Second Amendment is sacrosanct, and it must be protected whenever it is threatened. Secondly, it serves to condemn the sort of conduct displayed by Kathy Hochul who literally flipped off the Supreme Court, and ram-roded that outrage she named the "Concealed Carry Improvements Act" through the New York Legislature. Finally, it serves to identify which members of Congress are in fact true friends of the Second Amendment.

Unfortunately, there are inherent constitutional limitations on what

the U.S. Congress can do with this legislative outrage. Congress cannot effectuate a repeal of New York's so-called "Concealed Carry Improvements Act," or any other state law. Only the courts can directly overturn state law. However, pursuant to the federal power of the purse, which begins in the House of Representatives, Congress can refuse to provide any federal funding from being used to create or maintain any programs that limit Second Amendment rights, such as the ones contained in this Act. Furthermore, Congress can institute a federal statutory framework to regulate the carry or possession of concealed firearms across state lines. In this regard, Rep. Tenney has co-sponsored H.R.38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, to allow citizens to carry lawfully licensed firearms across state lines-much like citizens with a lawfully issued driver's license in one state can drive their cars into another state.

Here, we must bear in mind the admonition of Ben Franklin, when asked what the enactment of the U.S. Constitution gave to the people; he



answered, "a Republic, if you can keep it." We universally applaud the efforts Rep. Tenney, and other like-minded members of Congress for their efforts on behalf of the Second Amendment, and we are indeed grateful for their support. However, each one of us must accept the responsibility to preserve, protect, and defend our Second Amendment rights—America's First Freedom.

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### NRA Women 2024 Golden Bullseye Handgun of the Year goes to: Ruger Security-380 Lite Rack

by NRA Women Staff



As announced at the end of 2023, the Ruger Security-380 Lite Rack pistol has been selected as NRA Women's Golden Bullseye winner for Handgun of the Year.

NRA Women contributor B. Gil Horman wrote in his full review "Ruger's Soft-Shooting Security-380 Pistol":

"Last year, in keeping with the assmall-as-possible double-stack theme, the company wisely chose to update its .380 ACP version of the LCP II pocket pistol to create the LCP MAX. They did this by applying the same modified magazine and slim grip profile approach used with the MAX-9 to bring the LCP's ammunition capacity up to 10+1 or 12+1 rounds. That new member of the LCP series

does a great job of addressing common pocket-pistol limitations.

But in between these two models lies an important and often unaddressed product gap. Compact and subcompact 9 mms are chambered for a relatively high-pressure cartridge while pocketable .380 ACP pistols are exceptionally light weight with small grips. As a result, both types of semi-automatics can produce levels of felt recoil that are uncomfortable, or too intense, for some folks to work with.

An ideal solution to this problem would be a compact-size pistol, with its added mass and larger grip, chambered in the reduced-pressure .380 ACP cartridge. The result would be a soft-shooting, low-recoil defensive pistol that is still comfortable to carry. That's

just what Ruger has done with its recent release of the Security-380."

NRA Women congratulates—and extends thank to—Ruger for creating this wonderful soft-shooting pistol with a slide so easy to manipulate it practically racks itself.

The award will be presented in person to Ruger during an invitation-only breakfast during the 2024 NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits in Dallas, Texas.

Learn more about the NRA Golden Bullseye Awards and how they are selected, as well as other winners for 2024.

Posted from Jan. 8, 2024 NRA Women Magazine.

### Preventing the 4 Common Causes of an Accidental Discharge

by Heidi Lyn Rao

Proper training and mindset can be the best insurance against any missteps



To be a responsible gun owner, it is incumbent on you to get the training necessary to learn the safe and proper use of your firearm, taking all necessary precautions to prevent an accidental discharge. After all, an accidental discharge can lead to property damage, serious bodily injury or death.

How do accidental discharges happen anyway? Lack of training, using improper accessories, and trying to cut corners to save money all lead to bad results, and could even result in one of the four common causes of accidental discharges:

- Failure to keep the finger off the trigger
- Failure to completely unload a firearm
- Failure to secure a firearm in a properly fitting holster
- Failure to designate the appropriate use of a firearms in a classroom as a training aid, exhibition or even on a movie set

### No. 1: Failure to keep finger off the trigger

The most common cause of an accidental discharge is failing to follow the second rule of firearm safety.

While the first rule is to always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction, the second rule of firearm safety is to always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. This is called "indexing" your finger.

Anytime you pick up a firearm, load and/or charge, and align the sights on a firearm, your "trigger finger" should be indexed. Indexing is when you lay your trigger finger along the frame, above the trigger assembly and parallel with the slide or barrel. The indexed finger should stay in this position until ready to fire. Police officers are extensively trained in following this rule because they constantly handle



their firearms. It has been shown that trained law enforcement officers can move their trigger finger from the indexed position to the trigger without any significant delay in shooting in order to stop a threat.

Indexing should be instinctive every time a firearm is picked up or drawn from a holster. The only way this can become second nature and automatically performed without thinking about the concept is through muscle memory, which is achieved through repetitive movement. Indexing is so important that this repetitive motion should not only be performed at the gun range, but by dry firing at home. To do this, double check your firearm to ensure that it is

live ammunition in the area. Next, place the firearm on the table, then pick it up consciously indexing your trigger finger. Then set the firearm back on the table and pick it up again. Do this until indexing becomes performed without thinking about it. Picking up a firearm without indexing creates a vulnerable situation and invites danger. Semi-automatic pistols can easily be discharged once the finger is placed on the trigger. For revolvers being operated in single-action mode, a shooter who does not index his or her finger while cocking

unloaded and make sure there is no

The revolver discharges once the trigger is touched and the hammer is released.

### No. 2: Failure to completely unload gun

Another common situation that can lead to accidental discharges is when a shooter fails to completely unload the firearm. This situation occurs when the shooter removes a pistol's magazine and forgets about the one round that is still loaded in the chamber. This can also occur when shooting a revolver and the shooter loses count of the shots and leaves a live round in the cylinder. Anytime a shooter is finished firing his or her gun, it should be completely unloaded. Once again, repetition develops the muscle memory to properly go through the unloading process. With a pistol, the shooter should remove the magazine, work the action by sliding or racking it back and forth, and then locking the slide back and open to the rear. With the magazine removed and the slide locked to the rear, the shooter



back the hammer might be gripping

the firearm very tightly and, without

being aware, is depressing the trigger.



should visually and physically (by touching the open action with the fingers) inspect the firearm to verify the firearm is unloaded. The shooter should then verbally declare the gun is safe by saying "Safe Gun" or "Clear"

to let others know the firearm is safe, unloaded, and clear.

If the shooter is using a revolver, a similar process to clear the gun must be followed. The shooter should depress the cylinder release on a

the cylinder. Using the palm of your non-shooting hand, the extractor rod should be sharply depressed while the shooting hand is firmly holding gun with the muzzle pointing upward. The shooter should then visually and physically inspect the firearm to ensure it is unloaded. On a single-action revolver, the cylinder should be rotated until daylight is seen through each of the chambers. Like unloading a pistol, once the revolver is verified as clear, the shooter should verbally declare, "Safe Gun" or "Clear" as confirmation.

double-action revolver and roll out

### No. 3: Failure to secure a firearm in a proper holster

Accidental discharges can also occur if the shooter fails to secure his or her firearm in a proper holster. The holster should prevent the firearm from falling out of it. If a firearm falls from its holster, there is the possibility of an accidental discharge when the gun hits the ground. A proper holster should be one that securely holds the firearm while covering the trigger yet allows the wearer to easily draw the gun when needed.

Firearms should always be carried in a properly fitting holster regardless of where it is worn or how it is carried. This is especially true if the firearm is a semi-automatic pistol, and it is carried in a purse or bag, or even in the front pocket of pants or a jacket. A holster prevents items from entering the trigger guard and accidentally pulling the trigger when items are retrieved from the purse, bag or pocket.





A properly fitting holster is also important when carrying a revolver. A holster can prevent a revolver's hammer from being accidentally cocked during normal movement or when pulling from the pocket or handbag.

### No. 4: Failure to designate firearm use

Failing to designate a firearm's use can lead to accidental discharges. This means purchasing firearms that are to be used only as exhibit guns or for demonstration purposes. This applies to firearm instructors, reenactors and armorers on movie sets. Any firearms used in the classroom, during performances, or on movie sets should never be used for target practice or any other live fire activity. There are many recorded instances where live rounds were mistakenly left in firearms and they made it back into classrooms, during reenactments and on movie sets.

This creates a financial burden for those conducting firearms courses, volunteering for battle reenactments, and movie producers. In reality, by purchasing designated firearms that never are used for live fire because they are to be used in nontraditional ways can be much cheaper in the long run as opposed to injuring or killing another to save money. Not only can accidental discharges be much more expensive than buying designated guns, but you will also have to live with the consequences of a tragedy.

Accidental discharges can cause property damage, serious bodily injury

or death of another. A responsible gun owner should seek any training that makes them a safer gun owner. This includes learning to index their finger while holding a firearm, and how to completely unload their gun. A responsible gun owner must also put out the expense it takes to secure their firearm. This includes properly fitting holsters, gun locks and gun safes. Lastly, firearm instructors, reenactors and movie producers need to understand the importance of having firearms designated as exhibit guns only-never to be loaded with live ammunition. Ever.

With the proper training and mindset, accidents are preventable. The safe and proper use of firearms is crucial for being a responsible gun owner. Remember, guns are only as safe as the person handling it, and people are only as safe as the training they get.

Posted from Jan. 8, 2024 NRA Women Magazine.







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### SAFS: More than Three Decades of Tradition

2024 will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> year that the U.S. Service Rifle Small Arms Firing School will be provided by members of the NYSRPA to members of the NYSRPA. The Peconic River Sportsman's Club is proud to continue this fine tradition as the host of the program.

This is a two-day course that is designed to provide you with the basic knowledge required to compete in a High-Power Rifle Match safely. This program will instruct you on firing from position—both slow and rapid fire with only sling support. We provide detailed blocks of instruction on safety, sight alignment and adjustment, trigger control, match operations—and of course, the fundamentals of marksmanship. This program is approved by the Civilian

Marksmanship Program and fulfils one of the requirements for purchasing firearms from the CMP.

The instruction you receive will be exclusively on the AR-15 A2 Service Rifle with iron sights. Scopes are permitted in actual NRA and CMP competition, however for the course, we concentrate on the fundamentals by using iron sights. The club has National Match AR-15 A2 rifles for loan at no additional charge.

Our lead instructors are current or past members of the NYSRPA Service Rifle Team. Many of them are nationally ranked competitors as well as Distinguished Riflemen. Our instructional team also is supplemented with volunteer competitors who hail from throughout New York state. You will receive one-

by George Kline

on-one marksmanship instruction. The two-day course consists of about a half day of classroom instruction followed by dry-fire exercises from position on the range. A short qualification course also will be fired at 50 yards using the AR-15 platform with a .22 rim fire upper. You also will fire a modified CMP course at 200 yards using the AR-15 Service Rifle.

Since its inception, we have put approximately 2,000 people through this course. Many have gone on to compete and win at the national level. The attendance for this course is limited to the first 66 qualified entries. It will sell out quickly. The dates for this year's school are April 27-28, 2024.

I hope we will see you there!



# PROGRAM and REGISTRATION FORM

# U.S. SERVICE RIFLE SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL

# SATURDAY & SUNDAY, April 27 & 28, 2024, at the PECONIC RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB MANORVILLE, N.Y.

Approved by the CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP)

Sponsored by NYS Rifle and Pistol Association Hosted by Peconic River Sportsman's Club Inc. SAFS TIMES: Seminar Phase SATURDAY 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Range Firing SUNDAY 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Students should arrive not later than 7:30 a.m. each day.

## SAFS OBJECTIVE

The SAFS is a program designed as an introduction to the sport of High Power Rifle Competition for new participants. It is also for persons interested in improving their shooting skills who are currently involved in High Power Rifle competitions. As a result of this training, the shooter should be able to enter and safely participate in High Power Rifle Competitions. THIS COURSE IS NOT FOR FIRST TIME SHOOTERS, YOU MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SHOOTING FIREARMS.

## SAFS DESCRIPTION

The SAFS is conducted by a team of highly qualified retired U.S. Armed Forces, Civilian NRA nationally ranked competitors, CMP Distinguished Riflemen, and High Power Rifle Instructor/Shooters, augmented by volunteer rifle competitors from local clubs. The training emphasizes Range & Firearms Safety, Service Rifle Marksmanship Fundamentals and Techniques, Match Operations and Procedures, Zeroing, and Operation of the *U.S. Service Rifle AR-15 A-2*. The training includes classroom instruction and closely supervised Dry Fire and Live Fire instruction. Training is with individual trainer/coaches.

NOTE THAT ONLY THE AR15 A-2 WILL BE USED FOR THESE CLASSES!

# U.S. SERVICE RIFLE, SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI
NYSRPA MEMBER NUMBER ( <mark>required for all adult civilian participants</mark> )
STREET ADDRESS
CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP CODE
PHONEEMAIL.
LIST YOUR PRIOR SHOOTING EXPERIENCE
ARE YOU PROHIBITED FROM OWNING OR USING A FIREARM?
WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR TAKING THE COURSE?
14-16 years of age adult guardian required: Name: Phone:

# INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN FORFETURE OF FEES PAID. ALL INFORMATION IS FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.

NOTE that ONLY AR-15 A-2 rifles will be allowed at these events. Muzzle brakes are not permitted in CMP or NRA competition. Flash hider is permitted.

Please check the appropriate box below regarding the need of a loaner rifle:

I will bring my own AR15 A-2:	I need the loan of an AR15 A-2:

\*\*\*Fees must accompany applications

Peconic River Sportsman's Club SAFS April 27 and 28, 2024

Mail entries to: PRSC c/o Ed Walden

51 Glenwood Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788

Make checks or money orders payable to the Peconic River Sportsman's Club Payment enclosed in the amount of \$75.00

# NOTE: ONLY PARTICIPANTS AND GUARDIANS WILL BE PERMITTED ON CLUB

GROUNDS

NO GUESTS OR OBSERVERS. THE USE OF CAMERAS AND CELL PHONES ON THE FIRING LINE IS PROHIBITED

# ELIGIBILITY: 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED

This event is open to the public. All civilian adult participants must be NYSRPA members. The \$30 membership fee can be paid at the door if you are not already a member. NYSRPA is fighting for your gun rights in New York. Support them.

must already have experience and familiarity with firearms. This course is NOT for persons assume the prone and sitting firing positions for sustained periods of time. All applicants WHO WISH TO EXPERIENCE THE SPORT OF HIGH POWER COMPETITION. participants should be in good health and in good physical condition and be able to High Power Rifle competition is a sport requiring stamina and physical flexibility. All who are not familiar with rifle shooting. THIS COURSE IS FOR THOSE

## REGISTRATION FEES

# ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 66 STUDENTS ONLY

You must qualify at 50 yards on Saturday to be eligible to fire at 200 yards for your CMP qualification on Sunday. Students between the age of 14 and 16 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian on both days. The parent or guardian need not enroll and take the course.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Mail in registration is required for all students, (see registration form enclosed)
  - Complete form and mail with check or money order.
- Registration must be accompanied by full fees and entry form.
- Registration must be received by April 20, 2024. Register early as course will sell out. Cancellations received prior to the above deadline will receive a full refund
- Registrations will be confirmed via email if received by the above deadline. If you do not have an email address, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation.

# THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR NO SHOWS.

- Participants are required to comply with all safety rules and instructions.
- · Students are required to attend and participate in the complete seminar training and dry fire on Saturday to shoot on Sunday. Students will also be required to fire a qualification score with a 22 LR Service Rifle on Saturday. We will provide ammo for this.
- All students are required to act as scorers and target operators.

## APPLICANTS ARE RESPOSIBLE FOR ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED. READ CARFULLY AND ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND!

# RIFLES USED FOR THE SAFS AND FOR LOAN

- equivalents with as issued iron sights. National Match AR-15s will be available for loan at no charge. prohibited in borrowed rifles. No other ammunition will be fired from borrowed rifles. You may purchase caliber .223 ammunition which will be sold at \$50.00 for 50 rounds. These prices are subject to change Students borrowing rifles are required to provide factory ammunition only. Reloaded ammunition is This training is limited to the U.S. Service Rifle, (AR-15) in the A-2 configuration or commercial Students are encouraged to bring their own service rifles both days.
- Personal firearms must not be brought into the classroom.
- Rifles with "muzzle brakes" or compensators are prohibited in NRA & CMP competition and are not to be used for this course.

### AMMUNITION

ammunition is not allowed. Fifty (50) rounds of ammunition are required per shooter for the qualification Live ammunition must not be brought to the Saturday seminar. Armor piercing, incendiary and tracer live fire match.

## CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING

• A "certificate of training," will be issued to each student that completes both phases of training. The "Certificate of Training," issued by the CMP authorized SAFS, fulfills one of the requirements for Purchase of a U.S. Army surplus service grade M-1 from the CMP.

### STUDENTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWNG EQUIPMENT BOTH DAYS

- Hearing protection is mandatory. Eye protection is highly recommended. Students are required to bring a glove for their support hand (opposite hand of their shooting shoulder). An insulated work glove is adequate. Students are encouraged to bring if they already own, their own shooting equipment and clothing to include rifleman jackets, spotting scopes or field glasses, shooting mats. Bring your equipment on Saturday as we will conduct in position dry fire exercises. Students should wear appropriate outdoor clothing both days to include warm clothing, sweaters, sweatshirts, denim or heavy cloth trousers, boots, baseball type hats and rain gear. Windbreakers or nylon jackets should not be worn as the rifle will shift and move on these slippery surfaces. STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE WITHOUT MANDATORY EQUIPMENT (GLOVE AND HEARING PROTECTION) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE! STUDENTS MAY NOT SHARE MANDATORY EQUIPMENT!
- NO FOOD SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE. Each day, students must bring their own breakfast, lunch,

### LODGING

• PECONIC. There are hotels and motels in the Riverhead area which is about 10 minutes from the club.

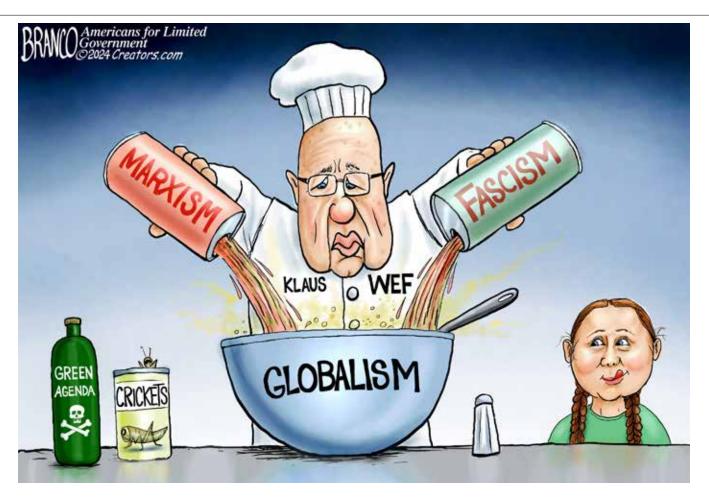
### DIRECTIONS

PECONIC: LIE (Route 495) to Exit 69. North (left) on Wading River Road about 4 miles to Grumman Blvd. (chain link fence). See signs for Calverton Enterprise Park. EPCAL. Go east (right) on Grumman Blvd. 2 & 3/4 miles to PRSC entrance (on right). 389 River Road Calverton, NY. Enter gate and follow signs and guides. DRIVE SLOW on club property!

Speed limit 5 MPH! Follow these directions. Do not use GPS for this location.

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# How to Ship a Gun

Shipping a gun isn't overly difficult, but it can be a real pain if you don't know the tricks to doing it properly

by Jo Deering

Did you know you can ship guns across the country? Yep, I've done it several times—usually to send a gun back to a manufacturer to have work done on it, but I've also mailed a gun to myself in advance of a trip so I didn't have to fly with it to my destination. Mailing a gun isn't overly difficult, but it can be a real pain if you don't know the tricks to doing it properly. You can't just slap a label on a gun and ship it to whoever you want. Here's how you ship a gun, legally.



### Who can you ship to?

An FFL dealer: If you're sending a gun back to the manufacturer, it will have its own Federal Firearms License. Any business that sells guns is required to have an FFL, and thus they are able to accept firearms shipped directly to them.

An individual, through a dealer: If you're shipping the gun to someone else and transferring ownership, even temporarily, this transfer must take place through an FFL holder. Say you sell a gun in an online auction and need to get it to the buyer across the country. You cannot mail the gun to their home unless they happen to have an FFL (some individuals do, although it's rare). You must mail it to an FFL dealer near their house and they will have to go pick it up there, filling out the appropriate paperwork.

**Yourself:** If you're going on a hunt or some other trip where you want your rifle or shotgun (not a handgun as far as I can tell), you can ship it to yourself before you leave. If you're heading somewhere that has an FFL, perhaps a well-equipped shooting school or outfitter, no problem. If not, you should ship the gun to yourself but "in the care of" another person at your destination, but they are not allowed to open the package—only you, the owner, may do so. To be safe, I recommend you time things so that you ship the gun and then arrive at your destination before it does so you can take possession/delivery of it. Needless to say, you should clear this with the person at your destination first. Don't assume the desk clerk at the Holiday Inn Express at your destination is cool with a gun being mailed there unannounced.

### What carriers can you use?

FedEx: If you don't hold an FFL yourself, you cannot ship a firearm with FedEx. If you do hold an FFL, you must be a FedEx "approved firearm shipper" with a signed contract on file.

### DHL Express: DHL does not ship firearms, period.

UPS: According to UPS's website, you cannot ship a firearm or "firearm products"—which does not include scopes but does include barrels, stocks, grips, firing pins, magazines and (inexplicably), sights—unless you are federally licensed (I assume this means you hold an FFL), and have a specific approved UPS agreement for transportation of firearm products.

**U.S. Postal Service:** If you don't have your own FFL or work for certain government agencies, you cannot mail

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a handgun (with some rare exceptions, like museum pieces) through U.S. Postal Service. You can mail a rifle or shotgun as long as they cannot be "concealed on the person." USPS will allow you to mail a long gun to yourself as discussed above, or to an FFL dealer. You'll need to ship it via a USPS method that has tracking and requires a signature on delivery. The USPS might ask you to open a package containing a firearm to verify that it's unloaded, or you might be required to sign a document certifying that it's unloaded and not concealable.

USPS does not specify whether you can drop off a properly labeled package containing a gun at your local Post Office or if you need to set up a delivery. I recommend calling your local Post Office directly to ask how it prefers to receive a firearm for shipment.

### General notes

The ATF requires you to notify the carrier that your shipment contains a firearm and prohibits carriers from putting any labels on the package that would indicate that it is a firearm.

Obviously, you should ensure the gun is unloaded and package it carefully. If you're shipping a long gun to yourself, it's a good idea to ship it in a hard-sided case. If you're shipping in cardboard, be sure to use enough bubble wrap that the firearm won't rattle around inside its box, and check your chosen carrier for its packaging requirements. If you're shipping a gun in the original manufacturer's box it came in, I recommend purchasing some inexpensive brown wrapping paper to cover the box, so it is not immediately identifiable as a firearm.

Do not ship any ammunition with the gun; ammo has its own set of shipping rules and must travel separately.

Carriers change their policies, so while the information in this article was current as of December 2022, you should check each carrier's website to be sure its policies haven't been updated.

If you're shipping to an FFL holder, ask them ahead of time if they require any specific paperwork to be sent with the gun.

The advice in this article applies only to domestic shipping. Non-FFL holders cannot ship a firearm internationally.

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### CCW Dilemma: How Do I Carry in a Dress



### You want to carry your firearm, but you're wearing a dress that can't accommodate your IWB holster. Now what?

I get asked this question frequently: How do I carry concealed in a dress? If you normally carry on your hip, appendix or small of back, whether outside or inside the waistband, a dress throws your whole waistband-based system out the window.

You have a few options. The first, of course, is to not carry at all. This might seem blasphemous to some concealed carriers, but I don't carry my firearm absolutely everywhere I go. Sometimes it's just a hassle based on my outfit or

my destination, and I leave the gun at home. That said, if you want to carry and you're wearing a dress, here are your best bets.

Most obvious is purse carry. I'm not a huge fan, but you can safely carry your firearm in a handbag if you follow some simple guidelines and maintain extreme vigilance. Make sure the purse is suited for this purpose.

If you'd like to carry on-body, you'll need to explore other holster options that don't go on your waist. Which one works best for you will depend on the length of the dress, the number of layers you'll be wearing, and other factors.

If it's winter and you'll have a vest, jacket, secure wrap or other covering garment on you at all times, you can try a shoulder holster like the type detectives wear in old movies. This will secure the gun on your side under an armpit and stay covered by your outer garment. If the dress looks good with a strong belt, you might even be able to wear an OWB holster on a belt and keep it covered with a jacket, assuming you can cinch the belt tight enough that you can safely draw (since the dress probably doesn't have belt loops to hold the belt in place).

Pocket holsters like the Sticky Holster might be an option if your firearm is

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small enough and your pocket is big enough. Unfortunately, women are usually cursed by the fashion industry with tiny-bordering-on-useless pockets.

If the dress is floor-length, you can consider an ankle holster or, depending on your footwear and the size of the gun, maybe even a specialty holster that clips to a pair of boots.

If the dress is shorter, a thigh holster is an option, as is a belly band, a bra-mounted holster or even a pair of tactical shorts or leggings that have a built-in spot to carry your firearm. The trouble with these options is

that they depend on pulling the dress up—sometimes way up, in the case of the bra holster, unless you're wearing a wrap dress—to access the firearm. This takes a good bit of time and is quite exposing, although if you're at the point where you need your gun, I suppose a little flashing is the least of your concerns.

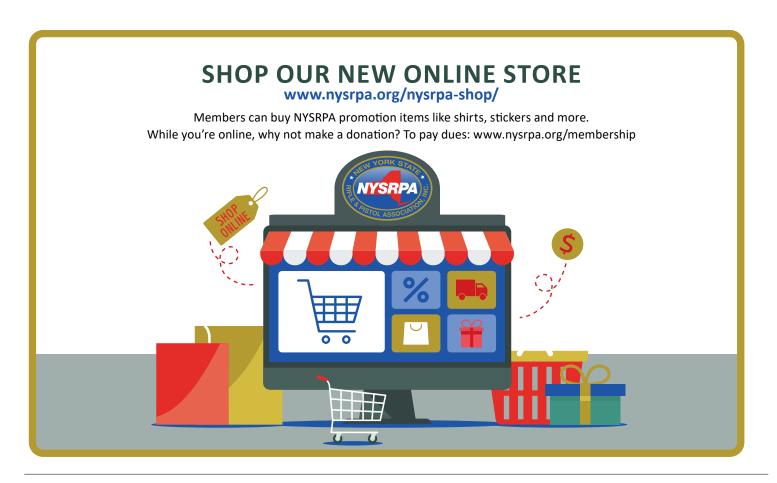
All these alternative holsters are going to require a much different draw-and-fire procedure than you are accustomed to. You'll need to practice drawing an unloaded gun from your shoulder, belly band, ankle or other alternative holster; try it with different dresses to identify the steps needed to clear the

dress and access the firearm and to remove it from the holster without the holster coming along for the ride or getting hung up on fabric.

Understand that most or all these carry positions are a compromise between convenience and speed—you give up some time and easy access in exchange for being able to make your firearm work with your outfit. But sometimes, the dress is worth it, and you can go about your day safely and securely carrying concealed in comfort and style.

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### by Nancy Lewandusky

### Nancy's Corner

### Are we doing enough?

We are living in times of uncertainty. Across the country, we are watching as our society is being infiltrated by our own government—the same government that would like to see us disarmed.

Every day our leaders are allowing thousands of undocumented migrants to storm our borders. They are walking into our country undocumented, and they are handed things that we claim we can't provide for our own citizens in need.

With this immigration comes crime. We have all watched as these illegals are being held to a different standard than U.S. citizens. For example, six

migrants who were very new to the United States, attacked two New York City policemen and—instead of being held and charged with committing a violent felony—they were set free due to bail reform. How can this be? Those who support bail say that it's supposed to eliminate money bail for those accused of misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies. I guess brutal attacks on police officers now fall under the category of a nonviolent attack?

When I ask if we are doing enough, it is not to make you feel bad, it's to make you think. Next time you don't want to vote because you think it doesn't matter, think of the downfall we are seeing in our society.



Voting can be disappointing—especially with all the cheating that we know happens—but if we don't get out there in numbers and *try* to make a difference, then what are we doing? We need to start talking to our younger generation and get them out there. We need *all* New York gun owners to get out there and *vote*.

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