

POLICY HNI – Hunter Training/ Firearms Course

The Board supports the offering of Hunter Training courses in schools in which there is adequate interest and support. It expects the safety of the students to be paramount in the delivery of these courses.

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines to ensure safe instruction of the use of firearms.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

1. Only provincially approved courses will be offered (e.g. – Alberta Hunter Training and Wildlife Conservation course or related Firearms Safety Courses).
2. The instructor must be a graduate of a recognized Hunter Education Training Program in Alberta or have completed a workshop, which includes writing the provincial exam in order to become certificated by an “AA” Hunter Education Instructor or Hunter Education Officer in Alberta. Instructors shall have current membership in the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors’ Association.
3. Any firearm brought to the school by the teacher or responsible, PAL licensed adult for the purpose of the delivery of the Hunter Education/Training Course must be unloaded and deactivated or rendered inoperable (trigger locked, bolt carrier removed, cable lock applied). Some firearm instructors render the firearm inoperable by removing the firing pin or soldering part of the action. In this case, the firearm cannot be fired and a gun lock need not be applied. Such instances must be approved in advance by the Hunter Training instructor.
4. The muzzle of firearms must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
5. All firearms and ammunition shall be stored in a locked room for the entire time when not in use for instructional purposes.
6. Only “dummy” ammunition may be chambered by the instructor for demonstration purposes in the classroom or lab. The instructor must notify the students that a dummy load is in use. (Dummy ammunition contains no primer, propellant or explosive charge.)
7. Live ammunition may be permitted in the classroom for instructional purposes, but firearms shall not be present in the room during that time.
8. Hunter Education Instructors who take their classes to a Hunter Education Camp or firing range must be in possession of a valid Possession and Acquisition License (PAL).
9. Students engaging in live firing activities must be under the direct and immediate supervision (within arm’s length) of an adult with a PAL.
10. “Live firing” should only occur under the direct supervision of a Range Officer or his/her designate in an area where “live firing” may legally occur. A Hunter Education instructor or Range Officer/Designate must be present during all “live firing” procedures when his/her students are on the range and ensure that safety guidelines are followed. (E.g. range rules require participants to wear ear protectors;

some ranges also specify wearing of eye protection; students must know the proper response for “cease-fire commands”).

11. Appropriate firearm transport, storage, and handling regulations must be strictly adhered to at all times.

REFERENCES

Cross References:

Legal Reference:

[Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations](#)
[Firearms Act](#)

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