

CERTIFICATION OF DLA POLICY ON FIREARMS SAFETY AND USE OF FORCE

This form is used by individuals who have been authorized to carry firearms to acknowledge receipt and understanding of firearms safety and use of force procedures. The completed form will be filed in the individual's training record.

1. DLA personnel issued firearms in accordance with DLA One Book, Carrying of Firearms and Use of Force, have the right under law to use reasonable, necessary force to defend themselves and others against violent and dangerous personal attack. The limitations described herein are not intended to infringe upon this right but to promote firearms safety and prevent the indiscriminate use of deadly force.
2. Firearms Safety Procedures:
 - a. Because of the solemn responsibilities involved in carrying a firearm, it is imperative that, prior to being issued a firearm, you must be qualified with the firearm and be thoroughly trained in the use and circumstances in which your firearm may be justifiably used.
 - b. To lessen the possibility of accidental discharge, all firearms must be loaded and unloaded at a clearing pit established at each firearms storage facility. As a minimum, loading will be supervised by a knowledgeable supervisor who is qualified with the firearm.
 - c. Firearms will not be drawn or aimed except in compliance with the provisions of the DLA One Book.
 - d. The unauthorized discharge of any firearm, whether it is an accidental or deliberate act, is a serious matter and must be thoroughly investigated. If you are aware of such an incident, you are required to report it to your Command Security Officer who will immediately initiate an investigation. Additionally, you will have the responsibility to:
 - (1) Promote firearms safety through your own actions.
 - (2) Never draw your firearm as a joke or in jest.
 - (3) Never use your firearm to play tricks, games, quick-draw, or engage in any other form of horseplay, or allow yourself to become involved in these types of acts.
 - (4) Never use your firearm against someone who has committed only minor offenses or crimes.
 - (5) Regard all firearms as being loaded.
 - (6) Know and use the safety devices of your firearm.
 - (7) Never aim or point a firearm unless you intend to shoot.
 - (8) Before firing, identify your target and ensure a clear field of fire.
 - (9) Be especially cautious when loading and unloading firearms.
 - (10) Never carry a firearm that you are not qualified to use. (In order to be qualified to use a firearm, you must successfully qualify with the firearm using an approved qualification course.)
 - (11) Keep in mind, at all times, that your conduct while carrying a firearm is your responsibility.
3. Use of Force:
 - a. As outlined in DLA One Book, Carrying of Firearms and Use of Force: Use of force is authorized to control a situation and accomplish the mission. DLA personnel engaged in security duties will avoid the use of force where they can carry out their duties without resorting to its use. When time and circumstances permit, the threatening force should be warned and given the opportunity to withdraw or cease threatening actions.
 - b. Use of non-deadly force. Force is to be used only as a last resort, and the force used should be the minimum (reasonable) necessary. In evaluating the degree of force required for specific security situations, the following options should be considered in the order listed:
 - (1) Cooperative controls (de-escalation, verbal persuasion, and warning).
 - (2) Contact controls (unarmed defensive techniques, resistant countermeasures, restraint applications).
 - (3) Compliance techniques (chemical aerosols).
 - (4) Defensive tactics (baton, blocking defenses, escape techniques, etc.).
 - c. Deadly force is that force that would create a substantial risk of death or serious bodily harm. You are authorized to use deadly force only under the following circumstances and then only when all lesser means fail or cannot reasonably be used:
 - (1) Inherent Right of Self-Defense. Deadly force may be used when you reasonably believe that a person poses an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm to you or a DoD personnel in the vicinity.
 - (2) Defense of Others. Deadly force is authorized in defense of non-DoD persons in the vicinity, when directly related to assigned mission.
 - (3) Assets Vital to National Security. Deadly force is authorized when deadly force reasonably appears to be necessary to prevent the actual theft or sabotage of assets designated by the President as vital to national security.

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- (4) Inherently Dangerous Property. Deadly force is authorized when deadly force reasonably appears to be necessary to prevent the actual theft or sabotage of inherently dangerous property as classified by DoD commanders.
 - (5) National Critical Infrastructure. Deadly force is authorized when deadly force reasonably appears to be necessary to prevent the sabotage of national critical infrastructure as designated by the President.
 - (6) Serious Offenses Against Persons. When directly related to the assigned mission, deadly force is authorized when deadly force reasonably appears to be necessary to prevent the commission of a serious offense that involves imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm (for example, setting fire to an inhabited dwelling or sniping).
- d. Warning shots are prohibited because the practice is a hazard to innocent persons and may prompt a suspect to return the fire, further endangering innocent bystanders.
 - e. Shots shall be fired only with due regard for the safety of innocent bystanders.
 - f. In the case of holstered weapons, a weapon should not be removed from the holster unless there is a reasonable expectation that use of the weapon may be necessary.

SECURITY FORCE MEMBER CERTIFICATION

Security Force Member (Printed Name)		By signing below I certify that I have read and understand the above DLA Policy pertaining to Firearms Safety and Use of Force.	
SIGNATURE	DATE	SIGNATURE	DATE

SUPERVISOR/TRAINING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above individual has received the required instruction on the proper care and use of firearms and the use of force, is proficient as required by DLA directives, and is qualified to be assigned duties which require that they be armed.

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE