

NRA Basic Pistol & Home Firearm Safety Instructor Training

Training will take 3 full days and cost \$350. This includes all training materials, course outlines and lesson plans, as well as NRA processing and certification fees.

Candidates who complete the course successfully will be eligible for certification as NRA instructors in Basic Pistol Shooting and Home Firearm Safety, and as Massachusetts Basic Firearms Safety Instructors. Both the NRA Basic Pistol class (~8hrs) and Home Firearm Safety class (~4hrs) satisfy the training requirements for a Massachusetts LTC-A.

The first day will be the NRA Basic Instructor Training class, required for all new NRA instructors. This class covers NRA training policies and procedures, working as part of a training team, training aids and teaching methods. The remaining two days will cover the course outlines and lesson plans for the Basic Pistol Shooting and Home Firearm Safety classes in detail, including individual and group exercises in preparing and teaching components of the classes.

You don't have to be an expert shooter to become an instructor. (You should know how to load and unload single-action revolvers, double-action revolvers and semi-automatic pistol safely, and to clear common pistol stoppages and be able to fire 6" or better groups at 15 yards.) You need to be able to work with new shooters and instill in them the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to keep and use firearms safely and to begin learning and practicing to become competent handgun shooters.

Below are summaries of the two courses successful candidates will be certified to teach.

NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course

This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude for owning and operating a pistol safely. It is at least 8-hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot revolvers and

semi-automatic pistols. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; pistol parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest position, and two handed standing positions; cleaning the pistol; and continued opportunities for skill development.

NRA Home Firearm Safety Course

This course teaches students the basic knowledge, skills, and explains the attitude necessary for the safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition in the home. It is a four-hour course for safe gun handling that is conducted in the classroom only. Students are taught NRA's three rules for safe gun handling; primary causes of firearms accidents; firearm parts; how to unload certain action types (including handguns, rifles and shotguns); ammunition components; cleaning; care; safe storage of firearms in the home; and the benefits of becoming an active participant in the shooting sports.