



## GUNSAFETY4U® Handgun Handling Process DA Revolver LH(GHDRL)

### Double Action Revolver All Types - **LEFT** Handed Operator

**Begin with an UNLOADED FIREARM, UNLOADED CYLINDER, DUMMY ROUNDS (2 minimum) and NO AMMUNITION IN THE ROOM. The drill is begun with an (Unknown) Firearm State. Unloaded, unloaded Cylinder, Cylinder Closed, hammer down, placed on a horizontal surface, Cylinder release (LEFT side) facing up (visible), POINTED IN THE SAFE DIRECTION.**

**All firearm handling should be performed in a standing position, unless the shooter cannot stand.**

**ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**

### **UNLOADING (Make it Safe)**

- 1. Pick up the REVOLVER with your RIGHT hand**
  - a. Keep the REVOLVER pointed in a Safe Direction
  - b. Nothing enters the trigger Guard
  - c. Do not place any part of your hands and body in front of the Muzzle
- 2. Place the Revolver GRIP in your LEFT Hand**
  - a. High and Tight on the Backstrap, web of your hand in the notch
  - b. LEFT Index Finger ON the FRAME,
  - c. Wrap your 3 Lower Fingers around the Front of the Grip
- 3. Keeping the revolver in a safe direction, move your body so you are at a right angle to the Safe Direction, and your RIGHT SHOULDER is FACING the SAFE DIRECTION.**
- 4. Your WORKSPACE is an 18" area, Six inches high (envision a stack of Pizzas), six inches from your chest. Bring the revolver to your CHEST, so the right side of the revolver is vertical and parallel to your Chest, Six inches away. This is your WORKSPACE.**
- 5. Place the TRIGGER GUARD in your RIGHT PALM. PLACE your RIGHT THUMB at the TOP of the CYLINDER on the RIGHT SIDE of the Revolver. Place your RIGHT FINGERS on the LEFT side of the Cylinder.**
- 6. Keeping the REVOLVER pointed in a SAFE DIRECTION, locate the CYLINDER RELEASE on the LEFT Side of the revolver behind the**



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- CYLINDER SLIDING button (S&W & most others), PUSH button (Ruger), or PULL latch (Colt).
7. OPERATE and HOLD the CYLINDER RELEASE (OPEN) with LEFT INDEX FINGER or THUMB (button), while increasing pressure on your RIGHT THUMB. The Cylinder will TIP OUT of the frame until it stops open at a 90 degree location. INSERT your RIGHT THUMB ALL the way into the FRAME, until you cannot go any Further. Close your FOUR RIGHT FINGERS on the OPEN CYLINDER and REMOVE YOUR LEFT HAND.
  8. Orient the REVOLVER MUZZLE STRAIGHT UPWARD (Use Gravity as Your Friend), PRESS THE EJECTOR ROD WITH YOUR LEFT PALM and let any cartridges or casings fall to the ground. Alternately, if there are *unfired cartridges* in the revolver, you can press the EJECTOR ROD with your RIGHT INDEX FINGER, letting them fall into your LEFT HAND. Empty your left hand.
  9. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, CHECK to ensure ALL CHAMBERS are empty in the Cylinder.

### LOADING

10. Keep the REVOLVER POINTD IN A SAFE DIRECTION< MUZZLE POINTED SLIGHTLY DOWN (Remember” Gravity is your Friend). Looking at the Cartridges, pick up a CARTRIDGE with your LEFT HAND, Round END (Bullet) Exposed.
11. Insert the CARTRIDGE into an EMPTY CHAMBER. Repeat this until the CYLINDER HAS NO EMPTY CHAMBERS.

### OPERATING

12. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, REACQUIRE your LEFT-HAND Grip (Finger on the Frame), prepare to REMOVE YOUR Right HAND from the revolver.
13. As you remove your Right Thumb from the FRAME, press the CYLINDER in with your RIGHT FINGERS. Once your RIGHT THUMB is all the way out, PRESS THE CYLINDER IN FIRMLY UNTIL YOU HEAR OR FEEL THE CYLINDER RELEASE LOCK THE CYLINDER IN.



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14. **REACQUIRE a TWO-HANDED GRIP** by placing the **INSIDE OF YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR GRIPPED LEFT FINGERS**.
15. **SLIDE your RIGHT HAND upward** so that the **BOTTOM OF YOUR RIGHT INDEX FINGER** touches the **BOTTOM OF THE TRIGGER GUARD**.
16. **EXTEND YOUR ARMS TO ALIGN WITH THE TARGET (Safe Direction)**.
  - a. This provides the basis for a two handed “Isosceles” Grip.
  - b. Your **RIGHT HAND** will slide rearward so the thick, lower part of your thumb will come to rest on the side of the Revolver grip in the area not covered by your left fingertips, filling the void. Your **RIGHT HAND MUST** be in this position whenever you are firing the Revolver with two hands.
17. **PLACE YOUR RIGHT THUMB ABOVE OF YOUR LEFT THUMB, FACING FORWARD**.
  - a. **DO NOT PLACE OR PRESS YOUR RIGHT THUMB BEHIND** the REVOLVER AT ANY TIME.

### **SINGLE ACTION:**

18. **KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**, Using your **RIGHT THUMB, COCK THE HAMMER** (to the rear) and return your hand to the proper position, with the bottom your **RIGHT thumb ON TOP** of your **LEFT thumb**. **MAKE SURE NO PART OF YOUR BODY IS NEAR THE GAP BETWEEN THE BARREL AND THE CYLINDER**.
19. **KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION**, Insert your **LEFT FINGER** into the **TRIGGER GUARD**, so that the trigger is touching your finger **JUST ABOVE** the **JOINT CREASE**.
20. When your **SIGHTS** are **ALIGNED WITH THE TARGET (SIGHT PICTURE)**, Prepare to **SLOWLY BRING YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER REARWARD**.
21. **WHILE KEEPING A PROPER SIGHT PICTURE**, slowly increase the pressure on the Trigger, **LITTLE BIT BY BIT**. **THINK: “TOP OF THE FRONT SIGHT”** . *Continue this step several times until the Hammer Drops and the Revolver fires. You should NOT know when the Revolver will fire.*
22. **REPEAT Steps 5-8 Above**.

### **DOUBLE ACTION:**



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23. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, insert your LEFT FINGER into the TRIGGER GUARD, so that the trigger is IN THE FIRST JOINT CREASE.
24. When your SIGHTS are ALIGNED WITH THE TARGET (*SIGHT PICTURE*), PREPARE TO SLOWLY BRING YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER REARWARD.
  - a. There will be more resistance and travel firing in the Double Action mode, due to the trigger performing two actions: Bringing the HAMMER back and dropping the hammer to fire.
25. SLOWLY INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON THE TRIGGER, BIT BY BIT. *THINK: "TOP OF THE FRONT SIGHT"*. Continue slowly increasing pressure until the Hammer Drops and the Revolver fires.
  - a. You should NOT know when the Revolver will fire.
26. REPEAT Steps 10-12 Above.

### *DECOCKING (Safely lowering the HAMMER, WITHOUT firing the Revolver):*

27. SPECIFIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS NEED TO BE USED. *Begin in the Single Action State (Hammer Cocked):*
28. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION and with your LEFT INDEX FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER, use your RIGHT THUMB, and COCK THE HAMMER (to the rear).
29. Place your RIGHT THUMB FIRMLY on the REAR of the REVOLVER Frame IN FRONT OF THE HAMMER.
30. Place your LEFT THUMB LESS FIRMLY on the HAMMER SPUR (REAR of the HAMMER), enough to stop any movement of the hammer, but NOT too much so the HAMMER is NOT pressed down to the maximum rearward position.
31. WITHOUT MOVING YOUR THUMBS, insert your LEFT INDEX FINGER into the TRIGGER GUARD, so that the trigger is touching your finger JUST ABOVE the JOINT CREASE.
32. BEGIN TO SLOWLY BRING YOUR FINGER REARWARD, KEEPING YOUR THUMBS IN THEIR SLIDE-HAMMER POSITIONS, the Hammer will "break", moving forward but stopping while putting pressure on your left thumb,
33. REMOVE YOUR LEFT INDEX FINGER FROM THE TRIGGER GUARD, WITHOUT MOVING YOUR THUMBS, and RETURN YOUR FINGER TO REST ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FRAME ABOVE THE TRIGGER GUARD.



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34. **WHILE KEEPING PRESSURE** on the **HAMMER SPUR** with your **LEFT THUMB**, **SLOWLY REMOVE YOUR RIGHT THUMB** from in front of the Hammer and lower it to rest as far forward as it will allow.
35. Repeat **DECOCKING** above until **3 SUCCESSFUL** operations are demonstrated.

It is **CRITICAL** to ensure that the Trigger Finger is removed from the **TRIGGER GUARD** and placed on the **FRAME** **BEFORE EITHER THUMB IS MOVED FROM THE HAMMER AREA**. This ensures that any internal safety mechanisms are not deactivated by rearward trigger movement.

### **UNLOADING (Make it Safe)**

36. Keeping the revolver in a safe direction, move your body so you are at a right angle to the Safe Direction, and your **RIGHT SHOULDER** is **FACING** the **SAFE DIRECTION**.
37. Bring the revolver to your **CHEST**, so the right side of the revolver is vertical and parallel to your Chest, Six inches away. Remember, this is your **WORKSPACE**.
38. Place the **TRIGGER GUARD** in your **RIGHT PALM**. **PLACE** your **RIGHT THUMB** at the **TOP** of the **CYLINDER** on the **RIGHT SIDE** of the Revolver. Place your **RIGHT FINGERS** on the **LEFT** side of the Cylinder.
39. Keeping the **REVOLVER** pointed in a **SAFE DIRECTION**, locate the **CYLINDER RELEASE** on the **LEFT** Side of the revolver behind the **CYLINDER SLIDING** button (S&W & most others), **PUSH** button (Ruger), or **PULL** latch (Colt).
40. **OPERATE** and **HOLD** the **CYLINDER RELEASE (OPEN)** with **LEFT INDEX FINGER** or **THUMB** (button), while increasing pressure on your **RIGHT THUMB**. The Cylinder will **TIP OUT** of the frame until it stops open at a 90-degree location. **INSERT** your **RIGHT THUMB ALL** the way into the **FRAME**, until you cannot go any Further. Close your **FOUR RIGHT FINGERS** on the **OPEN CYLINDER** and **REMOVE YOUR LEFT HAND**.
41. Orient the **REVOLVER MUZZLE STRAIGHT UPWARD** (Use Gravity as Your Friend), **PRESS THE EJECTOR ROD WITH YOUR LEFT PALM** and let any cartridges or casings fall to the ground. Alternately, if there are *unfired*



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- cartridges* in the revolver, you can press the EJECTOR ROD with your RIGHT INDEX FINGER, letting them fall into your LEFT HAND. **Empty your left hand.**
- 42. KEEP THE REVOLVER POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, CHECK to ensure ALL CHAMBERS are empty in the Cylinder.**
  - 43. REACQUIRE your LEFT Hand Grip, REMOVE YOUR RIGHT HAND from the revolver, turn your Right hand so it is palm down over the left side of the revolver, PINCH THE CYLINDER with your RIGHT thumb and fingers, REMOVE YOUR LEFT HAND, and PLACE THE REVOLVER on a SURFACE, OPEN CYLINDER UP (for Visibility), POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION.**
  - 44. If there are cartridges or Empty casings on the ground, pick them up for safety now. If unfired cartridges have gotten sandy/ dirty/ wet, wipe them off before using them.**