

Pistol Draw

On Count 1 of the presentation the firing/master hand secures a firing grip on the pistol while the support hand touches flat to the stomach.

On Count 2 of the presentation the pistol is lifted straight up until it just clears the top of the holster. The trigger finger is straight and the pistol external safety (if so equipped) is on. The support hand is still flat against the stomach.

On Count 3 the firing side elbow drops and the muzzle points directly toward the target, slightly canted away from the body. The support hand is still flat against the stomach. The trigger finger is indexed along the pistol; the manual safety (if so equipped) is on.

On Count 4 the pistol starts toward the target and the support hand completes the proper grip. The muzzle never covers any part of the body. The trigger finger is still indexed. The pistol external safety (if equipped) is disengaged once the hands come together.

On Count 5 the pistol is at eye level, proper sight picture has been achieved, the finger is on the trigger.





This photograph shows an **incorrect Count 1**. Notice the support hand is out in front of the body.



This photograph shows an **incorrect Count 2**. Notice the support hand is still out in front of the body.



This photograph shows an **incorrect Count 3** and several other mistakes which lead to injury. The support hand is out in front of the muzzle instead of on the frame of the pistol where it belongs. The pistol safety (not visible in this image) is off. The finger is on the trigger. The student can press the trigger to fire the shot and receive an injury.