

Instructor Training Aids and References

1. Portable Fence (IHEA design or WDNR approved)
2. Real fence if you have access to one. NOT barbed wire.
3. Firearm(s)
4. Dummy Ammunition

TIME PERIOD (APPROXIMATELY): 20 minutes

TYPE OF LESSON

- E.D.O.C.**
- LECTURE**
- DISCUSSION**
- PRACTICAL**

OBJECTIVE(S)

- To teach students a safe method for crossing a fence/obstacle while hunting alone
- To teach students a safe method for crossing a fence/obstacle while hunting with others
- To teach students safe loading and unloading while hunting with others
- To teach a safe procedure when meeting someone or law enforcement while hunting

LESSON OUTLINE

ITEMS NEEDED

EDUCATE:

There are numerous situations where hunters come upon obstacles in the field. Rough terrain and fences are the two most common situations. Hunters don't always hunt alone; therefore it is important to know how to deal with these situations in either case. A conscious awareness of safety must be maintained at all times.

DEMONSTRATE:

Single Hunter Crossing a Fence

1. Unload your firearm.
2. Place your firearm under the fence with the muzzle pointing away.
 - Place it at least one fence post away from where you are crossing.
 - Use a cap or jacket to lay the muzzle on to avoid barrel obstructions
3. Cross under, over, or through the fence depending on its type and landowner preference.
4. Retrieve your firearm.
5. Check barrel for obstructions.
6. Reload your firearm.
7. Verify that the safety is in the safe position on the firearm.

Lesson Plan
Firearms
Dummy
Ammo
Fence

Courtesy to
Landowner to
not stretch
wire

Two or more Hunters Crossing a Fence & Back to Back Loading/Unloading

1. Unload Firearms by demonstrating the back to back unloading.
2. First hunter holding both firearms in safe muzzle up manner. **OR**
3. First hunter puts firearms safely to the side and assists second hunter by holding fence wires apart/down
4. Second hunter crosses fence using techniques done in single crossing.
5. First hunter hands second hunter both firearms over the fence using safe handling techniques.
6. First hunter then crosses fence using techniques in single crossing. **OR**
7. Second hunter puts firearms safely to the side and assists first hunter by holding fence wires apart/down
8. Reload Firearms by demonstrating the back to back loading.
9. Verify that the safety is in the safe position on all firearms.

OBSERVE:

1. The students perform the above steps as a single hunter.
2. The students perform the above steps as 2 or more hunter group
 - Use back to back loading and unloading
3. Coach the students whenever necessary

*******ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION TO NOTE:*******

1. **Instructors should inform the students that on rough terrain or another barrier such as a steep hill side, thick brush, or stream, where the fence crossing techniques cannot be used that the student should unload their firearms and carefully cross the terrain or barrier.**
2. **Instructors should inform the students to use this procedure when meeting someone during the hunt.**
 - a. **When approaching or being approached by another person; maintain control of your muzzle in a safe direction throughout the contact. It is recommended to also open the action and unload your firearm.**
 - b. **When approached by law enforcement; maintain control of your muzzle in a safe direction and wait for instruction from law enforcement.**

CONGRATULATE: Give praise throughout and also at the conclusion to the entire group

Watch for muzzle control