

FRBC Range Safety Study Guide

These rules apply to members using the practice range and to individuals attending our scheduled shoots.

We want everyone to be safe while using the range. Please use common sense when on the archery range as well as the safety measures listed below.

Be courteous of others, watch over and be aware of other people that are out on the range with you so frbc can be a safe and fun environment for every archer.

1. Check to make sure all archery equipment is in good working order before heading out to shoot the archery course. Checking limbs for cracks, your string for severe fraying and arrows for cracks or other damage is great practice and number one to keep you and other archers safe.
2. Always make sure target area and beyond is clear of people and animals before drawing your bow and again before shooting
3. The safest way to draw your bow in order to prevent unsafe arrow flight in the event of equipment failure or accidental release is level and pointed only at intended target. Aiming an arrow towards the sky while drawing back a bow could be disastrous if the bow were to prematurely fire. The arrow would sail through the air and risk hurting another archer out on the range. Drawing the bow while aiming directly towards the intended target is the safest drawing method an archer can practice.
4. If your arrow strikes something other than an archery target you should flex the arrow inspecting it for damage, then properly dispose of the arrow if in unsafe shooting condition. Shooting a broken arrow can be dangerous for you and other archers. This could also damage your bow as it could be equivalent to a dry fire.
5. In the event of a miss resulting in a lost arrow you should post a watch in front of the target to alert other shooters while you retrieve your arrow, place equipment in front of target to alert shooters of your presence as you search for your arrow, or return after shoot is over and target is put away to look for arrow. Making sure other archers know you may be somewhere behind the target is key when searching for a lost arrow. If other archers do not know you are there and cannot see you then they are likely to begin shooting in your direction.

6. Stay on designated marked trails only while on the archery range. Any shortcuts or unmarked paths could lead to crossing an arrow flight path.

7. In the event you need to exit the course before completion you need to proceed forward to nearest safe emergency exit as marked on course map. Never go backward through the archery course, always move forward and use one of the emergency exit routes marked on our range maps. The map is located on our website under information > location

8. In the event of inclement weather or other emergency you will hear 3 blasts of the air horn and should immediately proceed to the nearest emergency exit and gather at 300m range for further instructions. (during scheduled frbc shoot dates)

9. Practice course is for members only. Members must sign in and out on the 'garage' sign in sheet before heading down to the archery range. Failure to do so is a violation of range rules. The FRBC sign in sheet is located in the white garage before you reach the 300 meter gun range at Big Hollow Recreation Area. Please make sure you always sign in and out here when using the frbc practice range. This is for your safety as well as an frbc rule. It lets the park know if someone has not returned from the archery range and that that person may need help. The range is for registered members only.

10. Always watch for fallen trees and hanging branches while on the course. While on the archery course it is always important to be aware of danger that may be above or around you. At times strong storms come through and knock down trees and branches, sometimes these branches haven't found their way to the ground yet.

Enter course at own risk. failure to follow safety rules and guidelines could result in injury or termination of membership.