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**DETAILED INSTRUCTOR GUIDE**

LESSON TITLE

WEAPONS HANDLING EXERCISE

COURSE TITLE

ANNUAL RIFLE TRAINING



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**DETAILED OUTLINE**

**WEAPONS HANDLING EXERCISE**

**1. TRAINING OBJECTIVE**

a. Intent. This exercise provides practice in weapons handling. Students will be evaluated on weapons handling skills to include weapons carries, weapons transports, filling magazines, and response to weapons commands. Adherence to the four safety rules will be enforced throughout the exercise.

b. Learning Objectives. The Terminal Learning Objectives and Enabling Learning Objectives pertaining to this lesson are as follows:

1) Terminal Learning Objective. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, perform weapons handling procedures without violating the four safety rules IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001)

2) Enabling Learning Objectives

a) Without the aid of references, state the four safety rules for the rifle/carbine IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001a)

b) Given a situation, a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, transport the weapon in response to the situation IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001b)

c) Without the aid of references, identify weapons conditions for the rifle/carbine IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001c)

d) Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, determine the weapon's condition IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001d)



e) Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, load the rifle/carbine (Condition 4 to Condition 3) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001e)

f) Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, make the rifle/carbine ready (Condition 3 to Condition 1) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001f)

g) Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, unload the (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001g)

h) Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, unload and show the rifle/carbine clear (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001h)

i) Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, transfer the weapon to another Marine IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001i)

3) Terminal Learning Objective. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, perform corrective action to get the rifle/carbine back in action IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1003)

4) Terminal Learning Objective. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), flak jacket, helmet, and suspenders or load-bearing vest, without the aid of references, demonstrate weapons carries IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1011)



## 2. EXERCISE PLANNING

- a. Range. Ensure a range/outdoor training area is available for the exercise.
- b. Supply List. Ensure necessary supplies are available to support the exercise.
- c. Equipment. The following equipment is required for each shooter:
  - 1) M16A2/A4 service rifle.
  - 2) Sling.
  - 3) Cartridge belt.
  - 4) Magazines and magazine pouches.
  - 5) Dummy ammunition.

***INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE:*** A load-bearing vest may be substituted for magazine pouches. Gear will be worn in accordance with the MBST Handbook.

- d. Ammunition. For this exercise, dummy ammunition is required for each instructor.
- e. Safety. Ensure safety requirements comply with MCO P3570.1\_ and local SOP.

## 3. EXERCISE SETUP

- a. Set up practical application stations for weapons carries and transports, weapons commands, and filling magazines. Set up as many practical application stations as necessary to evaluate students in one hour.
- b. Give your students approximately two hours for practice prior to the one-hour evaluation.

## 4. CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

- a. Exercise Brief. The following items must be included in the brief to students prior to the start of the exercise:
  - 1) Students will be given two hours for practice prior to the one-hour evaluation.
  - 2) Students will be evaluated on weapons handling



through questions and performance at the various practical application stations. Students will not execute the "Fire" or the "Cease Fire" commands. A performance checklist and questions will be used to evaluate students in the following areas:

- a) Knowledge of the safety rules.
- b) Carries and transports.
- c) Filling magazines.
- d) Knowledge of weapons conditions.
- e) Execution of weapons commands.
- f) Transferring the weapon.

3) Review safety rules, commands, and weapons handling procedures and emphasize these procedures throughout the exercise.

4) Instructors will provide immediate feedback to students on their performance.

b. Exercise Procedures

1) Filling Magazines. At this station, students will load the specified number of dummy rounds into a magazine.

2) Weapons Carries/Transports. At this station, students will demonstrate the following weapons carries/ transports on command.

- a) The Tactical Carry/Controlled Carry.
- b) The Alert.
- c) The Ready.
- d) Strong Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Up).
- e) Weak Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Down).

3) Weapons Commands/Condition Codes. At this station, students will answer questions on weapons conditions and respond to the following commands:

- a) "Load."
- b) "Make Ready."
- c) "Unload."



d) "Unload, Show Clear."

4) Transferring the Rifle. At this station, students will safely transfer the rifle to another student.

## **5. EXERCISE EVALUATION**

The student must master all performance steps to pass this exercise (100% mastery of learning objectives). Students failing to achieve mastery will receive remedial instruction.



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**PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST**

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### **PERFORMANCE TEST ITEM**

TERMINAL LEARNING OBJECTIVE. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, perform weapons handling procedures without violating the four safety rules IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001)

#### ENABLING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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- c. Without the aid of references, identify weapons conditions for the rifle/carbine IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001c)
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- e. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, load the rifle/ carbine (Condition 4 to Condition 3) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001e)
- f. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), and dummy ammunition, without the aid of references, make the rifle/carbine ready (Condition 3 to Condition 1) in response to a weapons handling command IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1001f)
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Terminal Learning Objective. Given a service rifle/carbine, sling, magazines, cartridge belt, magazine retention device (pouches or load-bearing vest), flak jacket, helmet, and suspenders or load-bearing vest, without the aid of references, demonstrate weapons carries IAW MCRP 3-01A. (0300.M16.1011)

#### TEST ITEM

##### 1. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EVALUATOR:

- a. Ensure the student has the M16A2/A4 service rifle, sling, and equipment.
- b. Inform the student which procedure he will perform at your station. Tell the student to begin.
- c. Evaluate the student via the performance checklist.
- d. Ensure the evaluators at each station have sufficient dummy rounds.

2. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENT: When the instructor says, "Begin," perform weapons handling procedures for the M16A2/A4 service rifle. You will be evaluated via a performance checklist on a pass/fail basis. The four safety rules will be evaluated throughout this test.

#### **NOTE**

The student will observe the four safety rules during the remainder of this test to complete the ELO.



3. PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST:	<u>PASS</u>	<u>FAIL</u>
a. Correctly stated the four safety rules IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____
b. Performed the procedures for filling the magazine IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____
c. Loaded the rifle (Condition 4 to Condition 3) in response to the command "Load" IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____
d. Made the rifle ready to fire (Condition 3 to Condition 1) in response to the command "Make Ready" IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____
e. Unloaded the rifle (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to the command "Unload" IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____
f. Unloaded and showed the rifle clear (Condition 1 to Condition 4) in response to the command "Unload, Show Clear" IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____
g. Carried/transported the rifle in response to the situation IAW MCRP 3-01A.		
1) Tactical Carry. (Student is given the situation of no immediate threat.)	_____	_____
2) Alert. (Student is given the situation of likely contact.)	_____	_____
3) Ready. (Student is given the situation of imminent contact.)	_____	_____
Students will demonstrate the weapons transports.		
Strong Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Up)	_____	_____
Weak Side Sling Arms (Muzzle Down)	_____	_____
h. Transferred the weapon to another Marine IAW MCRP 3-01A.	_____	_____