



RESTRICTED

JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
AIDE MEMOIRE
(CDS ORDERS FOR OPENING FIRE)

GENERAL GUIDANCE

1. These instructions are for the guidance of Commanders and troops operating collectively or individually. When troops are operating collectively they will open fire when ordered to do so by the On-Scene Commander.
2. This guidance does not affect your inherent rights to self-defence. However, in all situations you are to use no more force than the MINIMUM necessary.

FIREARMS MUST ONLY BE USED AS A LAST RESORT**PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE**

3. You may only open fire against a person if he is committing or about to commit an act likely to endanger human life and there is no other way to prevent the danger.
4. You may open fire against a person attacking or destroying property or stealing firearms or explosives only if his action is likely to **ENDANGER HUMAN LIFE**.
5. Always try to resolve the situation by means other than by opening fire.

CHALLENGING PERSONS

6. A Challenge **MUST** be given before opening fire **UNLESS**:
 - a. To do this would increase the risk of death or grave injury to you and those whom it is your duty to protect.
OR
 - b. You and others in the immediate vicinity, whom it is your duty to protect, are under armed attack.

7. If you have to challenge a person who is acting suspiciously, the challenge should be as loud as possible and made in a firm and distinct voice saying, "HALT - HANDS UP".
 - a. If the person halts you are to say, "STAND STILL AND KEEP YOUR HANDS UP".
 - b. Ask the person why he is there, and if you are not satisfied call your Commander immediately and hand the person over.
 - c. If the person does not halt at once, you are to challenge again saying, "HALT - HANDS UP".

And if the person still does not halt at your second challenge you are to cock your weapon, apply your safety catch and shout, "STAND STILL. I AM READY TO FIRE."

OPENING FIRE

8. If you have to open fire you are to:
 - a. Fire only aimed shots;
AND
 - b. Fire no more rounds than are necessary;
AND
 - c. Take all reasonable precautions not to injure anyone other than your target.

FURTHER GUIDANCE**WEAPON STATE**

Your magazine must always be charged with live ammunition and fitted to the weapon. Unless you are about to open fire, no live rounds are to be carried in the breech and the working parts must be forward. The On-Scene Commander and above, when circumstances in his opinion warrant such action, may order weapons to be made ready.

VEHICLE CHECK POINT (VCP)

At a VCP YOU WILL NOT OPEN FIRE AT A VEHICLE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT REFUSED TO STOP. If a vehicle does not halt at a VCP, note its description: make, registration number, number of occupants and direction of travel and notify your Commander as soon as possible.

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