

Dry Fire 6

Malfunctions and how we are going to deal with them. As we discussed previously when modern weapons malfunction many times is created by the shooter failing to load or seat the magazine. If you can imagine that being the number one cause of malfunctions then we cannot overemphasize the necessity to ensure the magazine is seated properly.

When you experience a malfunction like this you're normally going to have your finger on the trigger and had been attempting to shoot. So the starting position for all our drills will be weapon on fire finger on the trigger hammer has fallen. This needs to be practiced in the different positions that we expect to use like the prone supported, unsupported and kneeling positions.

Immediate action (Modified Sports)

1. Finger off the trigger.
 - a. Finger straight
 - b. out of the trigger guard
2. If appropriate, take the butt stock and put it underneath your arm
3. Rotate the weapon so that the magazine is pointed towards the support side of the body
4. Using the support hand seat the magazine with **A LOT** of force and keeping the hand in place pull down on the magazine to ensure is seated
5. Again using the support hand, grab the charging handle and pull it straight to the rear
6. At the same time, observed the ejection port and chamber
7. Release the charging handle and let the bolt go forward
8. Put the weapon back into action.

Remedial action

Use dummy rounds to create a double feed and use the same starting position as above. First 6 steps are the same as immediate action because they will not be aware of the type of malfunction they are having until they realize modified sports isn't working or they notice significant issues whenever they are observing the ejection port and chamber.

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7. Obvious immediate action isn't going to work
8. Lock the bolt to the rear
9. Remove the magazine and keep it in your hand if possible, if you must put it down
 - a. put it in a location where you will be able to find it again
 - b. make a habit of putting all things on the ground in the same location so that you will be able to find those items at night, in the rain, under fire
10. Make sure the weapon is clear
11. Reinsert the magazine and pull down on it to make sure it is seated
 - a. if you believe the magazine is part of the problem, use a different magazine
12. Let the bolt go forward
13. Put the weapon back into action

Later on as we transition to the combat dry fire we will revisit these drills in the standing positions and we will want to address the potential need to seek cover behind something or changing levels whenever we have a malfunction.