**The 8 Safe Handling Rules**

**These need to be learnt by rote and applied every time you handle any weapon:**

0912. The following rules apply, at all times, to the handling of weapons:

1. A weapon must never be pointed at anyone in any circumstances
2. A weapon must always be handled so that it points in such a direction that there is no danger if a round is accidentally fired
3. Whenever a weapon is picked up which has not been under an individual’s direct supervision it must be examined to make sure that it is not loaded i.e. Normal Safety Precautions (NSPs) must be carried out.
4. Whenever a weapon is handed to someone else they must first be shown that it is unloaded (clear). When anyone else hands a weapon to him, he must insist that the same action is taken.
5. The muzzle of a weapon must never be rested against any part of the body.
6. A weapon must be in the unloaded state prior to travelling in a vehicle or during non-tactical moves on foot.

0913 A cadet must never be allowed to fire a weapon unless he has been instructed and practised in its use under supervision. A period of revision should be conducted on the weapon prior to live firing.

0914. When conducting training with weapons, cadets should, at all times, carry their DP or GP rifle, with the sling fitted, except when undergoing formal parade drill