



Pocket Pistol Tactics

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Pocket Pistols: BRING A GUN

People put down so-called "mouse guns," but the first rule of gun fights is to bring a gun. A pocket pistol may be the only gun you have because it's easy to carry and conceal.

- A tiny gun beats no gun.
- Pocket pistols are actually VERY popular.
- Pocket pistols are often used as backup guns.

Drawbacks Of Pocket Pistols

"Mouse guns" have certain disadvantages you need to keep in mind. They are not good choices for a first gun (even for women with smaller hands).

- They're not easy to operate. Small grips mean less accuracy.
- A smaller slide is harder to rack. Jams are harder to clear, too.
- Many pocket guns have very crude sights.
- Reloading a pocket gun under stress is very difficult.
- Pocket pistols are not very accurate and thus are limited to short ranges.
- The small caliber of most pocket guns means they have less "stopping power" than standard-sized guns.
- Felt recoil is worse in pocket pistols with more substantial calibers.

Pocket Pistols Are Super Comfortable

The number one reason people carry pocket pistols is that they're super comfortable and easy to carry.

- Pocket pistols can be carried and concealed with ease in a pocket, purse, or waistband.
- This makes for an easy, natural "draw."

Pocket Pistol Mistake #1: Carrying Other Things In Your Pocket

If you pocket carry, don't have anything else in the pocket with the gun. Too many people do!

- You don't want to be juggling other objects when going for your gun under stress.
- Other items in your pocket could conceivably jam in the trigger guard and even fire the gun as you move around.

Pocket Pistol Mistake #2: Ignoring The Holster

A proper pocket holster is very important.

- A holster prevents printing and makes your draw more consistent.
- The holster also protects the trigger guard and the gun from debris, lint, etc.
- You want a pocket holster that's very grippy on the outside so it doesn't slide around. Desantis makes some good ones.

Pocket Pistol Mistake #3: Considering CAREFULLY Where You Carry It

Not everyone thinks of a pocket pistol as a last ditch gun.

- Front pockets aren't preferable. They're hard to get to because they're usually too tight. Offside back pockets can be reached with either hand.
- MCS recommends dominant side back pocket with the butt facing your butt crack. This is better for close quarters combat and provides a consistent draw compared to strong-side carry of a full-sized gun.

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