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**CARD A**

**GUIDANCE FOR OPENING FIRE FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
AUTHORISED TO CARRY ARMS AND AMMUNITION ON DUTY**

**GENERAL GUIDANCE**

1. This guidance does not affect your inherent right to self-defence.  
However, in all situations you are to use no more force than absolutely necessary.

***FIREARMS MUST ONLY BE USED AS A LAST RESORT***

2. When guarding property, you must not use lethal force other than for the protection of human life.

**PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE**

3. You may only open fire against a person if he/she is committing or about to commit an act likely to endanger human life and there is no other way to prevent the danger.

**CHALLENGING**

4. A challenge MUST be given before opening fire unless:
  - a. To do this would increase the risk of death or grave injury to you or any other persons other than the attacker(s);

**OR**

  - b. You or others in the immediate vicinity are under armed attack.

5. You are to challenge by shouting:  
"NAVY, ARMY, AIR FORCE,  
STOP OR I FIRE." Or words to that effect.

**OPENING FIRE**

6. 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.

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