

Montana Hunter & Bowhunter Education

Volunteer Instructors

FAQ's

How many classes am I committed to teach each year?

FWP requests that each volunteer instructor participate in at least one full class each year.

How long do the classes last?

Each class is required to be a minimum of 12-hours. Most classes tend to last 14-18 hours. Many are conducted over several nights of 2-3 hours each night. Some classes have their field day on Saturdays.

Will I have to teach classes by myself?

Our policy requires two adult instructors or one adult instructor and one parent in each classroom.

What about potential liability concerns as a volunteer instructor?

*Montana law states: **MCA 27-1-721. Immunity of certain firearms and hunter safety or hunter education instructors.** A person who is designated as a hunter safety instructor or hunter education instructor by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks under [87-2-105](#) or certified as an instructor by a national firearms association, who trains people in the lawful use of firearms, and who is not employed by a governmental entity is not liable for the conduct, acts, or omissions of a student handling firearms unless the instructor exhibits gross negligence giving rise to causation of the damages.*

If I am injured during class time, does the State cover me under Workers Compensation?

Liability insurance coverage is provided for active instructors subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- *All activities must be part of a formal course of training.*
- *Training activities must be in accordance with the policies and procedures described by FWP.*
- *Activities outside the reasonable interpretation of these guidelines may not be covered by the state's insurance.*