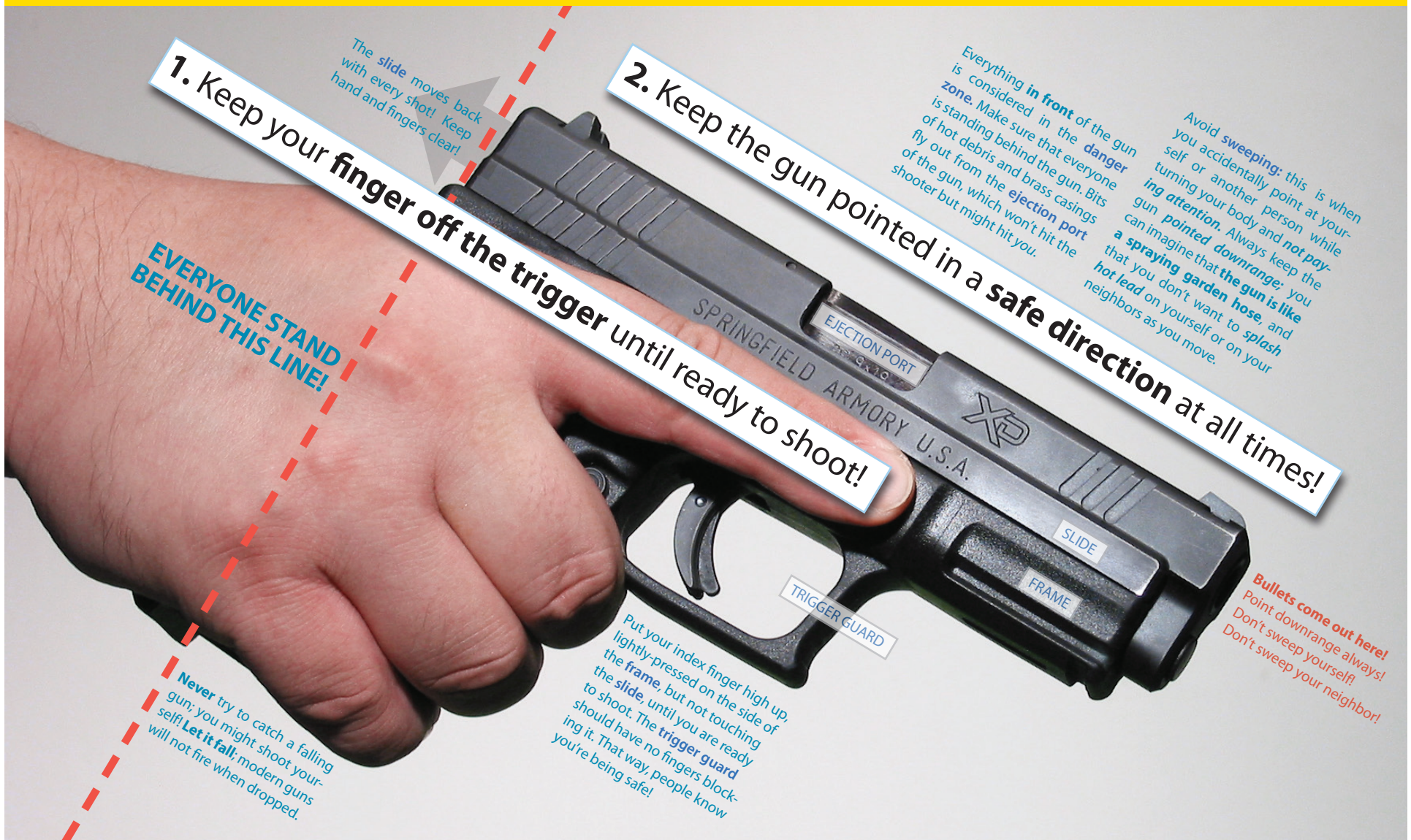


THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT RULES OF FIREARMS SAFETY

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE THAT FIRST SHOOTING LESSON...



■ You should **always assume all guns are loaded, safety-off, and ready to fire**, even if you know otherwise; consistency in handling will develop good habits. And remember: conscientious firearms handling is just as much for **putting people around you at ease** as it is for your own personal safety.

■ The excitement can cause lapses in the observation of these rules, especially for new shooters. If you're with a friend, take turns **watching for safe direction and finger position** awareness when the gun is handled. You can use a light touch on the shooter's shoulder to signal a safety violation.