IPSC Canada Safety Notification

A notice to all members that IPSC Canada has prohibited the use of particular styles of active retention holsters due to safety concerns. The use of this style of holster can lead the shooter to touch the trigger during the draw and this can lead to a negligent discharge. See the official release below:

Official Ruling:

In the interest of Safety, NROI Canada will be prohibiting the use of Blackhawk Serpa Holsters and their variants that unlock in the same manner (using the trigger finger to release the firearm above the trigger guard) as of January, 1, 2018. The design of this holster has resulted in many documented accidents; has been banned by multiple law enforcement agencies and other sporting associations.

This is covered under rule 5.2.6 – Range Master's authority – IPSC Canada has deemed it unsafe and is use will not be permitted in any IPSC competitions.



Blackhawk brand "Serpa" style retention lock







Other similar styles from various manufactures: