

## SEMI - AUTOMATIC MALFUNCTIONS

Below are some malfunctions and causes that happen to a semiautomatic pistol that a person should be aware of. The person should have the knowledge of why they happen, how to avoid them and be able to clear them if they occur.

<b>MALFUNCTION</b>	<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>TO CLEAR</b>
<b>Stove pipe</b>	Light load weak wrist Dirty rails	1. Lock slide back out 2. Hook case with weak index finger & pull out 3. Tap-Rack-Go
<b>Failure to fire</b>	Misfire/bad round Failure to feed Slide not locked Round not in chamber	1. Tap-Rack-Go 2. If no response, exchange mag & rack slide. 3. Watch for failure to extract
<b>Slide fails to close (Failure to feed)</b>	Deformed round Dirty or rough extractor face Dirty rails Dirty chamber Bad magazine Magazine not seated	1. Tap-Rack-Go 2. Watch for failure to extract  If <b>malfunction</b> happens again: 1. Drop magazine 2. Lock slide back 3. Check chamber 4. Insert new magazine 5. Rack slide closed
<b>Failure to extract</b>	Bad case rim Bad or broken extractor or spring dirty chamber or extractor Dirty rails	1. Drop magazine 2. Lock slide back 3. Work slide to clear case 4. Insert new magazine 5. Rack slide closed 6. If malfunction repeats or if working the slide doesn't clear the weapon: A. Take cover B. Drop magazine C. Lock slide back D. Push case out with a pee E. insert a new magazine F. Rack slide closed
<b>Failure of magazine to fall</b>	Dirty magazine Duty magazine well Round partially fed from magazine Release not sufficiently depressed	1. Depress release 2. Manually strip mag from weapon