

# FIREARMS STORAGE

Safeguard your firearms



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## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A FIREARM MUST TAKE ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE:

- Its safe storage; and
- That it is not stolen or lost; and
- That it does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

Penalties of up to a \$10,000 fine or 2 years imprisonment apply under section 60 of the *Weapons Act 1990* (Qld).

A conviction for a weapons offence is a disqualifying offence for holding a firearm licence for 5 years.

### Legislative requirements for Category A, B and C firearms storage

Section 60 of the *Weapons Regulation 1996 (Qld)* provides minimum requirements for safe storage of firearms.

For Category A, B and C firearms:

- The container must be of a rigid structure, made of either solid steel or solid timber;
  - Rigid structure refers to the strength of the container and the use of reasonable force to the sides or top of the container should not result in deflections of the panel or the container
  - The term solid, requires that the container panels are continuous (eg without venting/holes or perforation)
  - The container must be either steel (aluminium/alloys are not compliant) or solid timber. Species of timber or structural and marine ply are compliant. Chipboard, particle board, MDF and plaster board are not compliant.
- If the container used for storing these firearms weighs less than 150kg, it must be securely fixed to the frame or floor of a permanent building;
- The container must have a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock;
- The container must be locked other than for the time to remove/replace firearms; and
- Firearms must be unloaded and the bolt must be removed or action broken for storage. The bolt is a major component part and is subject to same storage requirements as the firearm and can be stored with the firearm.

Ammunition must be stored in a secure container or secured area that is separate from the container that holds the firearms; for example a gun safe with a internal secured area for the ammunition (Section 85 and 86 of the *Explosives Regulations 2003 [Qld]*).

### Legislative requirements for Category D, H or R firearms storage

Section 60 of the *Weapons Regulation* provides minimum requirements for safe keeping of Category D, H and R firearms including:

- The container must be of a rigid structure, made of solid steel;
- Be bolted to the frame or floor of a permanent building;
- The container must have a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock;
- The container must be locked other than for the time to remove/replace firearm; and
- Firearms must be unloaded and the action broken for storage

Ammunition must be stored in a secure container or secured area that is separate from the container that holds the firearms; for example a gun safe with a internal secured area for the ammunition (Section 85 and 86 of the *Explosives Regulations 2003 [Qld]*).

If more than 30 firearms are stored at the one premises (total firearms for all licensees), the firearms must be stored in accordance with Sections 39 to 43 of the *Weapons Regulation*.



Section 61 of the *Weapons Regulation 1996* sets out the storage requirements when firearms are being transported on vehicles.

These requirements are summarised at <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponsLicensing/licenceApplication/storage/invehicles.htm>

Visit [www.police.qld.gov.au/weaponsLicensing](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/weaponsLicensing) for more information



# SAFEGUARD YOUR FIREARMS

- ✓ **DO** comply with the safe storage requirements prescribed by the Qld firearms legislation
- ✓ **DO** store your firearm in a compliant locked container when not being used or carried
- ✓ **DO** store any ammunition for your firearm in a separate locked container
- ✓ **DO** take all reasonable precautions to ensure the firearm is kept safely, is not lost or stolen and does not come into the possession of an unauthorised person

- ✗ **DON'T** leave the keys to your firearms safe in a place that is easily accessible by intruders
- ✗ **DON'T** locate the safe where it can be accessed easily or in sight of intruders e.g. unlocked garage or shed
- ✗ **DON'T** leave power tools or other implements nearby which could be used to break into the safe
- ✗ **DON'T** leave a firearm lying around, loaded or unattended

## PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

A person who possesses a firearm must take all reasonable precautions to ensure:

- a. Its safe storage
- b. That it is not stolen or lost
- c. That it does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

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## SAFETY COMES FIRST

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