

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Safe storage of the firearm; and

That the firearm is not stolen or lost; and

That it does not come into possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

Section 60 of the *Weapons Act 1990* applies penalties in excess of \$10,000 or two years imprisonment for failing to secure firearm/s. A person convicted of a weapons offence becomes disqualified from holding a firearm licence for five years.

Legislative requirements for Category A, B and C firearms storage

Section 94 of the Weapons Regulation 2016 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 hardwood timber and marine ply of at least 16mm are acceptable whilst the use of chipboard, particle board, MDF or plaster board are not.
- 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 area which is separate from the container that holds the firearms. For example, a gun safe with an internal secured area for the ammunition may be suitable.

Legislative requirements for Category D, H or R storage

Section 94 of the Weapons Regulation 2016 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 area which is separate from the container that holds the firearms. For example, a gun safe with an internal secured area for the ammunition may be suitable.

Should more than 30 firearms be stored at the premises, the firearms must be stored in accordance with sections 88-92 of the Weapons Regulation 2016.



Section 96 of the Weapons Regulation 2016 sets out the storage requirements when firearms are being transported in or on a vehicle.

These requirements are summarised on the QPS website. Scan QR code to access.



FIREARMS STORAGE

Safeguard your firearms



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For emergencies or life threatening situations

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000





SAFEGUARD YOUR FIREARMS

- ✓ **DO** comply with safe storage requirements prescribed by Queensland firearms legislation
- ✓ **DO** store your firearm in a compliant locked safe when not being used
- ✓ **DO** store any ammunition for your firearm in a separate secure 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 your key accessible to persons who are not lawfully entitled to possess the firearms
- ✗ **DON'T** install the firearm safe in a place where it can be readily located or in sight of intruders (for example, not in an unlocked garage or shed)
- ✗ **DON'T** leave power tools or other items nearby that can 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:

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

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