



NSW POLICE FORCE – FIREARMS REGISTRY

Recommended Safe Storage of Firearms for Dealers, Collectors & Prohibited Firearms/Prohibited Weapons

RECOMMENDED LEVEL 3 SAFE STORAGE FOR FIREARMS DEALERS

Before the Commissioner of Police may issue a Firearms Dealer licence the Commissioner of Police must be satisfied that the adequate provisions have been made for the safe keeping of firearms by means of safe or strongrooms. For the purposes of determining whether adequate provisions have been made for the safekeeping of firearms the following safe keeping requirements are recommended.

All firearms must be stored in secure premises and be securely locked overnight in padlocked racks permanently attached to sidewalls or placed in a security area such as a strong room.

The premises will be considered secure if:

- All perimeter doors are of solid construction, securely hinged in stout framework and fitted with mortiselock or deadlocks,
- All perimeter windows and roof skylights are fitted with security grilles,
- An intruder alarm system is installed which incorporates the following:
 - A space movement detector similar to Microwave, Passive Infrared or Ultrasonics to be installed to detect movement irrespective of an intruder's method of entry,
 - A battery stand-by in case of a power failure,
 - An external noise maker which should alert local residents in the event that the alarm is activated,
 - Where facilities are available, monitoring of the system should be achieved by landline to a private security company.

In addition to the above requirements, category H firearms must be stored in an approved safe, which is either freestanding, under-the-floor or wall type of commercially recognised manufacture and security performance. Cabinets and filing drawers which are only fire resistant are not acceptable.

The following minimum standards apply:

▪ Free Standing Safes

If the weight of the safe is less than 500 kilograms, to prevent removal it must be securely anchored by means of an expanding anchor bolt or bolts, of not less than 15mm diameter thread by 90mm in length internally fitted through a hole or holes in the rear and/or bottom of the safe, which must conform to the manufacturer's specification.

It should be constructed of at least 75mm thick walls made of 3mm steel inner and outer walls filled with 35mpa reinforced concrete encased between them. The door should be constructed of 10mm steel plate with 2 x 25 millimetre locking bolts front and back. These locking bolts are to be secured by a six lever key lock or other locking mechanism providing at least equivalent security, or a keyless combination. The door should be fitted with a maximum clearance of 1mm on all sides.

▪ Wall Safes

Should be constructed of at least 10mm thickness structural grade mild steel with continuous welding, fixed locking bar and dogging bolts on a hinged edge, and fitted with a six lever key lock or other locking mechanism providing at least equivalent security, or a keyless combination lock. The door should be fitted with a maximum clearance of 1mm on all sides.

▪ Under-the-Floor Safes

Should consist of a container of structural grade mild steel not less than 3mm in thickness, with a door not less than 10mm in thickness, equipped with a six lever key lock or other locking mechanism providing at least equivalent security, or a keyless combination lock. The container and the neck of the safe shall be embedded in reinforced concrete of a minimum compressed strength of 35mpa and have a minimum dimension of 495mm x 622mm.

RECOMMENDED SAFE STORAGE FOR FIREARMS COLLECTORS

The Commissioner may issue a licence subject to such conditions that the Commissioner thinks fit.



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Collectors Licences will be subject to the condition that the following safekeeping requirements are met.

All firearms must be stored in secure premises which are securely locked. Within these premises the collection of firearms must meet level 1 security for category A or B firearms and level 2 security for category C, D or H firearms.

All firearms which form part of a collection must be rendered inoperable. For details on this please refer to the fact sheet 'Disabling a Firearm' which is available from dealers, gun clubs, the Firearms Registry or your local police station.

The Commissioner requires the premises where the collection is stored to meet the following standards:

- The storage area or room is part of a permanent building with secure locks on all entrances,
- The storage area has solid walls which form a substantial barrier to forced entry,
- All perimeter windows and roof skylights are fitted with security grilles,
- All perimeter doors are of solid construction, securely hinged in stout framework and fitted with mortislock or deadlocks,
- Door hinges must be concealed or the hinge pins welded to prevent them being punched out,
- Ammunition for any firearms must not be kept in the area or room in which the firearms are stored, unless the ammunition is stored in a separate locked container.

If the firearms are to be displayed outside of their locked containers at any time the licence holder must be physically present in the room at that time.

PROHIBITED FIREARMS / PROHIBITED WEAPONS

Schedule 1 of the *Firearms Act 1996* and Schedule 1 of the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* lists a number of firearms and weapons which are prohibited. Fact sheets are available from the Firearms Registry listing the recommended Safe Storage Level Required for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms and Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons.

The Commissioner of Police may issue permits subject to such conditions as the Commissioner of Police thinks fit to impose. Permits for Prohibited Firearms or Weapons will be issued subject to the conditions that the following safekeeping requirements will be met.

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- All prohibited firearms / prohibited weapons must be stored in secure premises which are securely locked,
- The storage area must have solid walls which form a substantial barrier to forced entry,
- All perimeter windows and roof skylights must be fitted with security grilles,
- All perimeter doors must be of solid construction, securely hinged in stout framework and fitted with mortislock or deadlocks. Door hinges must be concealed or the hinge pins welded to prevent them being punched out.
- Ammunition for any prohibited firearms / prohibited weapons must be stored in a locked receptacle which must not be kept in the area or room in which the prohibited firearms are stored.
- All prohibited firearms / prohibited weapons which form part of a collection must be rendered permanently inoperable.

Display of Prohibited Firearms / Weapons

Items must be authorised by the appropriate Permit to be displayed and secure so as to prevent their removal by an unauthorised person by being either of the following methods.

Fixed to a wall by galvanized hexagon head coach screws not less than 65mm in length and 8mm diameter, **OR**

- Secured to wall mounted gun rack by plastic coated flexible steel cable (4mm minimum thickness), or chain of equivalent strength, passing through the trigger guard(s) secured to the wall at each end by expanding anchor bolts/coach screws.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
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