

FIREARMS REGISTRY



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TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS

All persons possessing firearms in NSW must comply with the safe keeping and storage requirements as prescribed by the *Firearms Act 1996*, the associated Regulation and as recommended by the Commissioner

This fact sheet provides information on the requirements for the transportation of firearms.

What are the general requirements in relation to the safe keeping of firearms?

All licence holders in NSW are subject to the general requirement for safe storage of firearms - section 39 of the *Firearms Act 1996* (Act). Any person in possession of a firearm must 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.

There are specific legislative requirements for the transportation of category A, B, C, D & H firearms and for the commercial transportation of firearms in addition to the general requirement.

What are the legislative requirements for transporting Category A & B firearms?

Category A & B firearms must be conveyed in accordance with the following requirements—

- The firearm must be conveyed in a manner that ensures compliance with section 39 of the Act (see above),
- The firearm must not be loaded with any ammunition while it is being conveyed,
- While the firearm is being conveyed in a vehicle it must not be visible from outside the vehicle.

NOTE: At no time should a firearm be left stored unattended in a motor vehicle unless the firearms are stored in accordance with the requirements of category C, D & H firearms and no other alternative safe storage is available.

What are the legislative requirements in relation to transportation of category C, D & H firearms?

Category C, D & H firearms must be conveyed unloaded, with the ammunition kept in a locked container separate from the firearms.

The firearm must be rendered temporarily incapable of being fired (e.g. by removal of the bolt/firing mechanism or the use of trigger locks) or must be kept in a locked container that is properly secured to, or is within the vehicle.



Safe bolted to structural parts of the vehicle.



Ammunition must be stored in a separate locked container (i.e. locked in glovebox or locked box in the cab, not with the firearms).

Where can I find more information?

The information provided in the FACT Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the Firearms Act 1996 and the associated Regulation, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

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Doors must be locked while the vehicle is unattended and keys must not be left in the vehicle.



Examples of trigger locks



Are there exemptions in relation to these transportation requirements?

Yes. Persons listed below are exempt from the requirements for the transportation of firearms ONLY IF during the course of conveyance there is a reasonable likelihood that the firearm will be required to kill vermin or stock.

- Primary Producers or employees of Primary Producers, and

A person employed in or by:

- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
- Local Land Services
- Border Fence Maintenance Board

What are the legislative requirements in relation to the commercial transportation of firearms?

Persons engaged in the activities of commercial transportation must ensure that any portion of the consignment consisting of firearms is:

- Transported concealed in a locked container which is secured to the vehicle or in a locked compartment within the vehicle, and
- That all reasonable precautions have been taken to ensure that firearms are not lost or stolen whilst being conveyed.

Reasonable precautions to prevent loss or theft would include the security of the vehicle in general; security of the vehicle when left unattended; how long the vehicle is left unattended; the length of time the firearms were in conveyance; and whether arrangements are made to expedite the delivery of firearms over the other items being conveyed.

Leaving the firearms unattended overnight or for extended periods of time without added security or locking the vehicle in a secure compound would not be considered to be reasonable precautions to prevent loss or theft.

Related Information

See fact sheets:

[Safe Storage Level 1 - Category A & B Requirements,](#)

[Safe Storage Level 2 - Category C, D & H Requirements,](#)

[Ammunition Safe Storage, Acquisition and Possession.](#)

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