



# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons

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All persons owning prohibited weapons in NSW must comply with the safe storage requirements as outlined in the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998 (the Act), the Weapons Prohibition Regulation 2009 (the Regulation) and as recommended by the Commissioner of Police.

This FACT sheet provides information on the requirements, as approved by the Commissioner of Police, for prohibited weapons.

### What are prohibited weapons?

A prohibited weapon is any weapon described in Schedule 1 of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998.

### What are the general requirements for the safe keeping of prohibited weapons?

All persons in NSW who are authorised by a permit to possess and use prohibited weapons are subject to the general requirement for safe keeping of weapons - section 26 of the Weapons Prohibition Act 1998. Any person possessing a prohibited weapon must take **all reasonable precautions** to ensure the weapon is kept safely, is not lost or stolen and does not come into the possession of an unauthorised person.

### What safe storage level is applicable to prohibited weapons?

The Commissioner of Police has made recommendations on the minimum safe storage requirements for prohibited weapons.

Generally, prohibited weapons are subject to Level 1 (category AB firearms), Level 2 (category C, D or H firearms) or Level 3 (prohibited firearms) safe storage requirements. Please see FACT Sheet 'Recommended Safe Storage Levels for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons' available on the Firearms Registry Internet site for information safe storage levels specific to each of the prohibited weapons listed in Schedule 1 to the Act.

Any person who has stored their weapons in accordance with these minimum requirements, or exceeded the minimum requirements, will be considered to have taken **all reasonable precautions** for that class of weapon.

Any permit issued for possession and use of a prohibited weapon will outline the safe keeping requirements within the conditions of the permit. You will receive your permit conditions in writing upon successful application and issue of your permit.

### [Related Information](#)

See FACT Sheet:  
'Recommended Safe Storage Levels for Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons'.

### [Schedule 1 Prohibited Weapons](#)

**Item 1(1)** A flickknife (or other similar device) that has a blade which opens automatically by gravity or centrifugal force or by any pressure applied to a button, spring or device in or attached to the handle of the knife.

**Item 1(2)** A ballistic knife that propels a knife like blade of any material by any means other than an explosive.

**Item 1(3)** A sheath knife that has a sheath which withdraws into its handle by gravity or centrifugal force or if pressure is applied to a button, spring or device attached to or forming part of the sheath, handle or blade of the knife.

**Item 1(4)** An Urban Skinner push dagger or any other device that consists of a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike that has a handle fitted transversely to the blade or spike and allows the blade or spike to be supported by the palm of the hand so that stabbing blows or slashes can be inflicted by a lunging or pushing action.

**Item 1(5)** A trench knife or any other device that consists of a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike that is fitted with a handle made of any hard substance that can be fitted over the knuckles of the hand of the user to protect the knuckles and increase the effect of a punch or blow, or that is adapted for such use.

**Item 1(6)** A butterfly knife or "balisong" or any other device that consists of a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike that fits within two handles attached to the blade or spike by transverse pivot pins and is capable of being opened by gravity or centrifugal force.

**Item 1(7)** A star knife or any other device that consists of a number of angular points, blades or spikes disposed outwardly about a central axis point and that are designed to spin around the central axis point in flight when thrown at a target.

**Item 2(1)** Any bomb, grenade, rocket, missile or mine (or other similar device such as a tear-gas canister) that is in the nature or (or that expels or contains) an explosive, incendiary, irritant or gas, and whether or not it is "live" or has been deactivated. A "live" rocket must have a propellant charge of more than 100 grams, and a "live" missile must have an explosive or incendiary charge of more than 7 grams for it to be a prohibited weapon.

**Item 2(2)** A flame thrower that is of military design, or any other device that is capable of projecting ignited incendiary fuel.

**Item 2(3)** Any device that is designed to propel or launch a bomb, grenade, rocket or missile by any means other than by means of an explosive, including a device known as a PVC cannon.

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**Item 2(4)** A spear gun having an overall length (being the length of the spear gun when it is not loaded with a spear) of less than 45 centimetres.

**Item 2(5)** A crossbow (or any similar device) consisting of a bow fitted transversely on a stock that has a groove or barrel designed to direct an arrow or bolt.

**Item 2(6)** A slingshot (being a device consisting of an elasticised band secured to the forks of a “Y” shaped frame), other than a home-made slingshot for use by a child in the course of play.

**Item 2(7)** A Saunders “Falcon” Hunting Sling, or any other device in the nature of a hunting sling, catapult or slingshot that is designed for use with, or a component part of which is, a brace that:

- fits or rests on the forearm or on another part of the body of the user, and
- supports the wrist against the tension of elastic material used to propel a projectile.

**Item 2(8)** A blowgun or blowpipe that is capable of projecting a dart, or any other device that consists of a pipe or tube through which missiles in the form of a dart are capable of being projected by the exhaled breath of the user or by any other means other than an explosive.

**Item 2(9)** Any dart capable of being projected from a blow-gun or blow-pipe.

**Item 2(10)** A Farallon Shark Dart, or any other similar device that is designed to expel, on contact, any gas or other substance capable of causing bodily harm and which is reasonably capable of being carried concealed about the person.

**Item 2(11)** A dart projector known as the Darchery dartslinger, or any other similar device that is designed to project a dart by means of an elasticised band.

**Item 2(12)** A mace or any other similar article that consists of a club or staff fitted with a flanged or spiked head, other than a ceremonial mace made for and used solely as a symbol of authority on ceremonial occasions.

**Item 2(13)** A flail or any other similar article that consists of a staff or handle that has fitted to one end, by any means, a freely swinging striking part that is armed with spikes or studded with any protruding matter.

**Item 2(14)** A whip that has a lash which is comprised wholly or partly of any form of metal.

**Item 2(15)** A whip known as a cat-o'-nine-tails, or any other whip that consists of a handle to which there is attached any number of knotted lashes.

**Item 2(16)** Kung fu sticks or 'nunchaku', or any other similar article consisting of 2 or more sticks or bars made of any material that are joined together by any means that allows the sticks or bars to swing independently of each other.

**Item 2(17)** A side-handled baton or any other similar article consisting of a baton, staff or rod that is made of any hard substance and has fitted to one side a handle, whether or not that handle is permanently fixed.

**Item 2(17A)** An extendable or telescopic baton.

**Item 2(18)** Any hand-held defence or anti-personnel device that is designed to administer an electric shock on contact, such as the Taser Self-Defence Weapon or an electrified brief-case, but not including any such hand-held device that may lawfully be used on an animal in accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

**Item 2(19)** Knuckle-dusters or any other similar article that is made of any hard substance and that can be fitted over the knuckles of the hand of the user to protect the knuckles and increase the effect of a punch or other blow or that is adapted for use as such.

**Item 2(20)** A sap glove, or any other similar article, that consists of a glove (including a fingerless glove) that has a layer of powdered lead sewn under the outer covering and positioned over the knuckle area on the back of the glove.

**Item 2(21)** A studded glove, or any other similar article, that consists of a glove (including a fingerless glove) that has a number of raised studs or spikes made of a hard substance and positioned over the back of the glove to increase the effect of a punch or blow.

**Item 2(22)** Any device designed or intended as a defence or anti-personnel spray and that is capable of discharging by any means any irritant matter comprising or containing any one or more of the following substances in liquid, powder, gas or chemical form:

- chloroacetophenone, known as CN,
- orthochlorobenzalmalononitrile, known as CS,
- dypenylaminechloroarsone, known as DM or Adamsite,
- oleoresin capsicum, known as OC.

**Item 2(23)** Any device (not being a device referred to in subclause (22)) designed as a defence or anti-personnel spray and that is capable of discharging any irritant matter.

**Item 2(24)** Any acoustic or light-emitting anti-personnel device that is designed to cause permanent or temporary incapacity or to otherwise disorientate persons.

**Item 3(1)** Any imitation or replica of a bomb, grenade, rocket, missile or mine (or similar device), unless it is of an approved type.

**Item 3(2)** Any imitation or replica of a firearm in respect of which a licence or permit is required under the *Firearms Act 1996*, (including any imitation or replica pistol, blank-fire pistol, shortened firearm, machine gun or sub-machine gun), unless it is of an approved type.

**Item 3(3)** A walking stick or cane that contains a sword or any other single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike of any length or of any material.

**Item 3(4)** A riding crop that contains a knife, stiletto or any other single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike of any length or of any material.

**Item 3(5)** A Bowen Knife Belt or any other similar article consisting of a belt or belt buckle that conceals or disguises within the article a knife or a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike of any length or of any material.

**Item 3(6)** Any article or device that:  
(a) due to its appearance is capable of being mistaken for something else that is not a weapon, and  
(b) disguises and conceals within it a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike of any length or of any Material.

**Item 4(1)** Body armour vests (or any other similar article) designed for anti-ballistic purposes and to be worn on any part of the body (other than helmets or anti-ballistic articles used for eye or hearing protection).

**Item 4(2)** Handcuffs (other than antique handcuffs or children's toy handcuffs, that are of an approved type).

**Item 4(3)** Silencers or any other device designed for attachment to a firearm for the purpose of muffling, reducing or stopping the noise created by firing the firearm.

**Item 4(4)** A firearm magazine, being:  
(a) a rimfire magazine with a capacity of more than 15 rounds, or  
(b) a centre-fire self-loading rifle magazine with a capacity of more than 5 rounds, or  
(c) a shotgun magazine with a capacity of more than 5 rounds, or  
(d) a shotgun tubular magazine extension that is capable of extending the capacity of a shotgun magazine to more than 5 rounds, or  
(e) a pistol magazine with a capacity of more than 10 rounds.

**Item 4(5)** Any article or device, such as a device known as a Brass catcher.

**Item 4(6)** Any portable tyre deflation device, or any other similar portable device, that is designed to puncture.

**Item 4(7)** Any article or device, such as a device known as a caltrop that is capable of puncturing the feet, paws or hooves of animals.

**Item 4(8)** A laser pointer, or any other similar article, that consists of a hand-held battery-operated device with a power output of more than 1 milliwatt, designed or adapted to emit a laser beam and that may be used for the purposes of aiming, targeting or pointing.

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## 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 *Firearms Regulation 2006*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website - [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).



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