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FIREARMS REGISTRY

Recommended Safe Storage for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms - (Level 3)

Schedule 1 PF

All persons owning firearms in NSW must comply with the safe storage requirements as outlined in the *Firearms Act 1996 (the Act)*, the *Firearms Regulation 2006 (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 firearms.

There are general requirements for the safe storage of firearms for all licence holders. What are these requirements?

All licence holders in NSW are subject to the general requirement for safe storage of firearms under Part 4 - Section 39 of the *Firearms Act 1996*. 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.

What are prohibited firearms?

A prohibited firearm is any firearm described in Schedule 1 of the *Firearms Act 1996* (see overleaf).

What are the requirements for safe storage of prohibited firearms as recommended by the Commissioner of Police?

Any authority to possess prohibited firearms will be issued subject to the condition that the licence or permit holder stores the firearms in accordance with the levels of safe storage indicated on the FACT Sheet 'Recommended Safe Storage Levels for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms'.

Generally, prohibited firearms are subject to Level 3 Safe Storage, as outlined in this FACT Sheet. However, there are several prohibited firearms listed in Schedule 1 which have an alternate recommended level of safe storage.

For example, paintball guns, cannons, powerheads and replicas are not subject to Level 3 safe storage. See 'Recommended Safe Storage Levels for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms' for further details.

What is Level 3 safe storage?

All firearms must be kept within a secure room, (see question this page - 'What are the requirements for the secure room?').

In addition, the licensee has an obligation to comply with Part 4 of the Act, and therefore firearms must also be kept in an approved safe OR approved display cases or gun racks OR secured in an approved manner to the wall within the secure room.

What are the requirements for the secure room?

- * The area or room where the firearms are stored must be part of a permanent building with secure locks on all entrances.
- * The area or room must have solid walls that provide a substantial barrier to forced entry.
- * Any window in the area or room must be covered with a security screen.
- * Doors leading into the area or room must be made of solid material or be reinforced by steel.
- * Each door must be fitted with a 'dead latch' type lock, or be fitted with a hasp/barrel bolt and padlock.
- * Door hinges must be concealed or the hinge pins must be welded to prevent them from being punched out.

What other requirements must be met?

- * If firearms are to be displayed outside of their locked containers at any time, the licence holder must be physically present in the area or room at that time.
- * Ammunition for any firearm 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.

Related Information:

See also:

'Recommended Safe Storage Levels for Schedule 1 Prohibited Firearms',

'Firearm Safe Storage - Longarm Cabinet and Handgun Safe Approvals'.

1. Any machine gun, sub-machine gun or other firearm capable of propelling projectiles in rapid succession during one pressure of the trigger.

2. Any self-loading rimfire rifle (including any such firearm described elsewhere in this Schedule).

3. Any self-loading centre-fire rifle (including any such firearm described elsewhere in this Schedule).

4. Any self-loading or pump action shotgun (including any such firearm described elsewhere in this Schedule).

5. Any self-loading centre-fire rifle of a kind that is designed or adapted for military purposes.

6. Any self-loading shotgun of a kind that is designed or adapted for military purposes.

7. Any firearm that substantially duplicates in appearance (regardless of calibre or manner of operation) a firearm referred to in item 1, 5 or 6.

8. A firearm, not being a pistol, of the Uberti or Armi-Jager brands, or any similar firearm fitted with a revolving ammunition cylinder (other than a firearm manufactured before 1920).

9. A shotgun fitted with or designed to be fitted with a drum magazine of the "Striker 12" assault shotgun type or any similar weapon.

10. Any firearm to which there is attached any article or device capable of muffling, reducing or stopping the noise created by firing the firearm.

11. A firearm, not being a pistol, fitted with a stock that is specially designed so as to be readily detachable, or to operate on a swivel, folding or telescopic basis.

12. A firearm made up in the form of a stylographic or propelling pen or pencil, capable of being used for the discharge of gas, bullets, shot, dye or pyrotechnic flares.

13. A firearm capable of discharging by any means:

- (a) any irritant matter in liquid, powder, gas or chemical form, or
- (b) any pyrotechnic flare or dye, or
- (c) any article known as a "paint-ball".

14. A firearm that:

- (a) substantially duplicates in appearance some other article (such as a walking stick, walking cane or key ring), and
- (b) disguises or conceals the fact that it is a firearm.

15. A cannon or other weapon by whatever name known of a type which will expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has a barrel with a bore in excess of 10 gauge, not being a firearm of the Very or rocket type designed and intended for use for life saving or distress signalling purposes, an antique muzzle loading firearm, or a rifle or shotgun manufactured before 1920.

16. Any firearm which, or part of which, has a dimension less than the minimum dimension prescribed for the firearm or part by the regulations.

17. Any imitation or replica of any firearm (including any imitation or replica pistol, blank fire pistol, shortened firearm, machine gun or sub-machine gun) unless it is of a type approved by the Commissioner.

18. Any device known as a "powerhead" that can be attached to the end of a spear gun and that is designed to propel a projectile by means of an explosive.

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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.



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