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# FIREARMS REGISTRY

## Transportation of Firearms

All persons owning firearms in NSW must comply with the safe storage requirements as outlined in the Firearms Act 1996 (Act), the Firearms Regulation 2006 (Regulation) and as recommended by the Commissioner of Police.

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

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

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.

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

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

Category C, D and H firearms must be conveyed unloaded, with the ammunition kept separate. They must be rendered temporarily incapable of being fired (eg 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.



Examples of trigger locks



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



Ammunition stored in separate locked container i.e. locked glovebox or safe in cab (not in rifle locker).

### What legislative requirements are there 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.

For example, crates of firearms being imported or exported from Australia or transferred interstate must not be left unattended or without adequate security in warehouses overnight or for extended periods.



Safe bolted to structural parts of vehicle

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

Unlike the transportation of category C, D and H firearms and commercial transportation, there are no legislative requirements for the transportation of Category A and B firearms. However, the general rule applied in Section 39 of the Act applies.

Although not compulsory, the guidelines for the transportation of category C, D and H firearms can be used for category A & B firearms to ensure that the firearms are not lost or stolen in transit & the firearms are kept safe at all times.

**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 and H firearms and no alternative safe storage is available.



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### 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 Members of staff of the:
- \* Department of Primary Industries, or
- \* Department of Environment and Conservation, or
- \* Livestock Health and Pest Authorities, or
- \* Wild Dog Destruction Board.

However, all reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure the firearms are not lost or stolen in transit & the firearm is kept safe at all times.

### 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, Purchase and Possession'.

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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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