

Safe storage of your firearms

Source NSW Police

In NSW, any person seeking to possess and use a firearm must be authorised by way of an appropriate license or permit.

When any firearm is not actually being used or carried A and B licence holders, must store it in a locked hard wood or steel receptacle of a type approved by the NSW Commissioner of Police.

If the receptacle weighs less than 150 kilograms when empty, it must be fixed to prevent its easy removal.

Locks must be of solid metal and of a type approved by the Commissioner.

Any ammunition for the firearm must be stored in a locked container of a type approved by the

Commissioner and kept separate from the receptacle containing the firearm.

The Firearms Registry recommends that category A and B firearms be stored in a gun cupboard or commercially produced display case or gun rack that comply with or exceed the minimum storage requirements for this category.

These should be of solid construction, and kept padlocked and secured to the floor and wall in a permanent building with secure locks on all entrances.

Gun cupboards should be fitted with a solid metal lock/s (minimum body width of 40mm, a hardened steel shackle and a minimum of 100 key changes.

The door should be

fitted with a three point locking mechanism and padlocked by means of a hasp and staple or lever handle.

If using a display case, the glass panelling must be a minimum grade of 6.38mm and laminated, while the gun rack should be secured with plastic coated flexible steel cable (44mm minimum thickness) or chain of equivalent strength, passing through the trigger guards/s and secured to the wall at each end by expanding anchor bolts/coach screws.

Under Section 41, category C, D and H firearms licence holders must store such firearms in an approved locked steel safe that cannot be easily penetrated, when not actually being used or carried.

The safe must be bolted to the structure of the premises where the firearm is authorised to be kept through the back and base.

NSW Police advises primary producers to ensure firearms are transported and stored safely. That is by ensuring firearms are not loaded and temporarily incapable of firing (remove the bolt, magazine and check the chamber is empty). You should keep a detailed inventory of the firearms and ammunition, registration numbers, serial numbers, make, model and calibre.

You must be licensed by the Game Council NSW to hunt game species on private land, or game and feral species on declared public land.



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