

## Storage and Security

### Purpose of This Information Sheet

- This information sheet explains the storage and security requirements for general storers who are authorised to possess firearms, ammunition or major firearm parts.
- It is intended to help you understand what type of storage you need, when alarms or CCTV are required, and what to consider when storing firearms at a home or another storage place.

### How To Work Out What Storage You Need

- To determine the level of storage and security that applies to you, consider:
  - 1. How many firearms you have**
    - 1–5
    - 6–15
    - 16 or more
  - 2. Where they will be stored**
    - Occupied: a home where someone normally lives.
    - Unoccupied: a shed, outbuilding, business premises after-hours, or any place not continually lived in.
  - 3. What categories of firearms you have**
    - A, B, C, E or H. If you have more than one category, use the highest category when checking the matrix.
    - A Storage Matrix is used to determine what level of cabinet, alarm, and (if required) CCTV system you must have.

### Examples

#### Example 1

- A person has four Category A & B firearms stored at an occupied home. Their existing approved storage can continue to be used, unless they add or replace a firearm.

#### Example 2

- A person has seven Category A & B firearms and two Category H firearms, stored at an unoccupied location. They must upgrade to a Level 2 cabinet with an alarm system and CCTV.

### Storage Levels

#### Level 1 storage

- A Level 1 storage option must be one of the following:
  - A 3 mm steel cabinet with a 6 mm steel door, or
  - A Grade V safe, or
  - A compliant secure room or strongroom.

## Level 2 storage

- A Level 2 storage option must be one of the following:
  - A 6 mm steel cabinet with a 10 mm steel door, or
  - A Grade V safe, or
  - A compliant secure room or strongroom.

## Level 3 storage

- A Grade V safe, or
- A compliant secure room or strongroom.

## Strongrooms and secure rooms

- A strongroom must meet a minimum resistance rating requirements set out in Regulation 266.
- A secure room must meet the compliant secure room standards in Schedule 5 of the Regulations.

## Shared Storage

- Multiple firearm authority holders can use the same compliant cabinet if each firearm is made temporarily inoperable by either:
  - using a trigger or action lock, or
  - removing a bolt, firing pin, or other major component.
- This allows, for example, a family to share a single cabinet while ensuring people with access cannot use a firearm belonging to another family member.

## Alarm System Requirements

- Some storage situations require an Operational Level 1 or Operational Level 2 alarm system.

### Operational Level 1 alarm includes:

- motion sensors that detect movement,
- no sensor lights showing when movement is detected,
- an audible alarm if sensors are triggered,
- notification to at least one person who stores firearms at that location, and
- compliance with recommended alarm standards.

### Operational Level 2 alarm includes everything in Level 1, plus:

- seismic sensors to detect physical attacks or attempts to move the cabinet,
  - alarm activation if seismic activity is detected,
  - notification to at least one person,
  - a duress alarm (e.g., button activation), and
  - a protected control panel not accessible to the public.
- Both levels must cover the full storage area and all entry points.
  - Routine maintenance is required. Records of maintenance may need to be produced on request.

## CCTV Requirements (When Required)

- Where CCTV is required, the system must:
  - record at 12.5 frames per second,
  - display the date and time without blocking the cabinet or entry points,
  - run on an uninterruptible power supply,
  - notify at least one person if recording stops,
  - be password protected,
  - be remotely accessible by at least one person storing firearms at the approved storage place,
  - keep access logs,
  - retain footage for 30 days,
  - export images or video while still recording,
  - capture faces clearly, consistent with CCTV standards, and
  - cover the entire storage area and entry points, using multiple cameras if needed.

## Alarm Matrices

- The Storage Matrix and Alarm Matrix explain:
  - How the firearm numbers, their categories and their storage location combined affect alarm requirements.
  - When Level 1 or Level 2 alarms are mandatory.

### Alarm matrix – Individual Licence, Primary Producer Licence, Collector Licence, Club Licence, Range Licence Holders.

Category	<=5		6-15		16+	
	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied
A &/or B				Operational level 1 or 2 alarm	Operational level 1 or 2 alarm	Operational level 1 or 2 alarm
Including any C &/or E6		Operational level 1 or 2 alarm				
Including any H		Operational level 1 or 2 alarm				
E (other than E6)						

### Alarm matrix – Business and Government Entity Licence Holders.

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Including any H		Operational level 2 alarm				
E (other than E6)						

### References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<b><i>Firearms Act 2024</i></b>	Sections 306, 311(3)
<b><i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i></b>	Schedule 6, Regulations 267, 268, 284

1.) How many firearms do you have? 2.) Is your storage location occupied or unoccupied?

Category	< = 5		6 - 15		16 +	
	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied	Occupied	Unoccupied
A & / or B	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 1 (3mm steel body & 6mm steel door)	Level 1	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV
	Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
Including any C & / or E6	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV
	Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
Including any H	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 3 (Grade V Safe) + Alarm + CCTV
	Upgrade to Level 2 (6mm steel body & 10mm steel door) upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
E (other than E6)	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 1 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV
	Upgrade to Level 1 upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 3 (Grade V Safe) + Alarm + CCTV
	Upgrade to Level 2 (6mm steel body & 10mm steel door) upon addition / replacement of firearms. *New applicants					
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	Grandfathering of existing approved storage (existing licences ONLY)	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 2 + Alarm + CCTV	Level 3 (Grade V Safe) + Alarm + CCTV
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3.) What categories of firearms do you have?