

Security Arrangements For Firearms and Related Things in Transit

What this information sheet is about

- This information sheet explains how to safely transport firearms, ammunition and related things when they are not being used.
- It is intended for licence holders and members of the public, and outlines what is required to keep firearms secure and prevent unauthorised access while in transit.

When these requirements apply

- These requirements apply whenever:
 - a firearm or related thing is being transported, and
 - the firearm is not being used.
- This includes transport:
 - between properties or locations
 - in a vehicle
 - when stopping briefly or staying overnight

General transport requirements

- When a firearm or related thing is in transit and not being use:

Firearms must be unloaded

- A firearm must not be loaded at any time while it is in transit and not being used.

Firearms must be made temporarily inoperable

- A firearm must be secured against unauthorised use.
- This is done by making the firearm temporarily inoperable and may be done by:
 - fitting a trigger lock or action lock, or
 - removing a major firearm part, such as a bolt or firing pin.
- If a key, code, or removed part is transported with the firearm, it must be carried separately from the firearm.

Storage when not in immediate possession

- If a firearm or related thing is not in your immediate possession, it must be stored in the best available location that reasonably ensures its safekeeping.
- This means choosing a location that minimises the risk of theft, loss or unauthorised access in your circumstances.

Additional requirements when transporting in a vehicle

- When a firearm or related thing is being transported in a vehicle and not being used:

Placement inside the vehicle

- Firearms and related things must be placed in the best available location within the vehicle to ensure their safekeeping.

Separation of firearms and ammunition

- A firearm must be kept separate from ammunition while in transit.
- If they are transported in the same repository, the ammunition must:
 - be in a locked compartment within the repository
 - The compartment must be securely fixed to the repository so it cannot be easily removed

Leaving a vehicle unattended

- A vehicle must not be left unattended unless:
 - the vehicle is securely locked
 - firearms and related things are not visible from outside the vehicle

Motorcycles

- If a firearm is transported on a motorcycle, it must be carried in a locked hard case designed for transporting firearms on motorcycles.

References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 307, 308
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 286