



INFORMATION SHEET

Deceased Firearm Licence Holder

Who This Information Sheet Is For

- This information sheet is for family members and others who need to manage firearms after a firearm licence holder has died.
- It explains what to do to make sure the firearms are handled and stored lawfully and safely.

What You Need to Do First

- If the executor or administrator needs to handle, transport or make arrangements for the firearms, they must contact WA Police Force Licensing Services on 1300 171 011 to discuss obtaining a Miscellaneous Possession Permit under regulation 216(2)(a) of the *Firearms Regulations 2024*.
- This permit allows limited, lawful possession of the firearms only for the purpose of managing the estate.
- If the deceased person was the sole or primary holder of the firearm licence, any firearms must be surrendered to police as soon as practicable, as they cannot be kept by a person who does not hold the appropriate firearm authority.
- The executor or administrator of the estate should contact police to arrange for the safe storage of the firearms at a local police station while the estate is being finalised.

Notify WA Police Force Licensing Services

- The executor or administrator of the estate must notify WA Police Force Licensing Services in writing that the firearm licence holder has died. This allows police records to be updated and ensures the firearms are managed lawfully while the estate is being finalised.
- Notification can be provided by post or email and should be made as soon as practicable.

What Information to Include

- When notifying WA Police Force Licensing Services, the executor or administrator of the estate should include the following information, where available:
 - The full name and contact details of the executor or administrator of the estate.
 - The full name and date of birth of the deceased firearm licence holder.
 - The deceased person's firearm licence number and details of the firearm(s), if known.
 - Details of any licensed Co-user, including the firearm(s) in their possession, if applicable.
- Providing complete information helps police update records and manage the firearms appropriately.
- Licensing Services should be contacted for advice on permit requirements and any other matters pertaining to the firearms.

What Happens to The Firearms

- Where the deceased firearm licence holder was the sole or primary licence holder, the executor or administrator must advise WA Police Force Licensing Services what is intended to happen to the firearms while the estate is being finalised.
- Options include:
 - disposal to a licensed firearms dealer or another appropriately licensed person
 - forfeiture of the firearms for destruction, or
 - the firearms being held pending the outcome of the estate
- The executor or administrator must not keep or store the firearms at any time.

Contact Details

- If you have questions or need help, contact WA Police Force Licensing Services: licensing@police.wa.gov.au

References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 134
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 216