



# Safe Storage

## Storing, Transporting and Displaying

# Restricted and Prohibited Firearms



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These are the rules for individuals, as set out in the Storage, Display, Transportation and Handling of Firearms by Individuals Regulations.

There are different rules for businesses.

Provincial or territorial acts and regulations or municipal by-laws may also apply.

The firearm must be **unloaded**, and

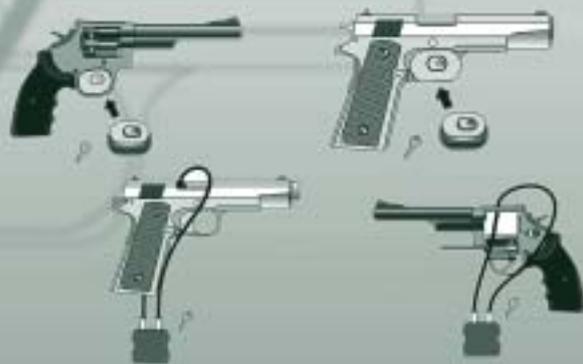
Either:

1. Make the firearm **inoperable**
  - a) by using a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock or cable lock, **or**
  - b) in the case of an automatic firearm, by removing the bolt or bolt carrier (if removable) and locking it in a separate case or room that cannot easily be broken into, **and**

**Lock** the firearm in a sturdy, secure container or room that cannot easily be broken open or into,

OR

2. **Lock** the firearm in a safe, vault or room that was built or adapted for storing these types of firearms.



Keep the **ammunition** separate unless it is in a securely locked container, vault, safe or room. It can be kept in the same locked container, vault, safe or room as the firearm.

# Safe Transport

- To transport **restricted** firearms and **prohibited handguns**, you need an **Authorization to Transport** from your provincial or territorial Chief Firearms Officer (CFO).

- Depending on the activity, you need either a **Special Authority to Possess** or an **Authorization to Transport** from your provincial or territorial CFO to transport **prohibited firearms**, other than prohibited handguns.

- The firearm must be **unloaded**.

- Make the firearm **inoperable** by using a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock or cable lock.

- **Remove the bolt or bolt carrier** from a **fully automatic firearm** if it can be removed reasonably easily.

- **Lock** the firearm in a heavy-duty container that you cannot see through and that cannot easily break open during transport.

**If left in an unattended vehicle:**  
*(if no adult or minor with a minor's licence stays with the firearm)*

- **Lock** the firearm in the trunk of the vehicle or in a similar compartment.

- If the vehicle does not have a trunk or similar lockable compartment, put your firearm out of sight, inside the vehicle, and lock the vehicle.

# Safe Display

- The firearm must be **unloaded**.

- Make the firearm inoperable by using a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock or cable lock.

- **Remove the bolt or bolt carrier** from an automatic firearm (if removable) and keep it in a separate locked room that cannot easily be broken into.

- **If at home**, securely attach all firearms to something that cannot be moved.

- **If away from home**, securely attach all firearms to the display with something strong, like a chain or metal cable.
  - If you remove a firearm from a display to let someone handle it, stay in direct and immediate supervision of the firearm.

Do not display the **ammunition** with the firearm. Keep it away from the firearm, in a place where it is not easy to obtain. If away from home, keep it in a securely locked container or room.



Steel eye bolts threaded into wall studs

# Safe Storage, Display and Transportation of Replica Firearms

You should store and display replica firearms safely to prevent loss and theft.

During **transport**, replica firearms must be locked in the trunk or in a similar lockable compartment.

If the vehicle does not have a trunk or a similar lockable compartment, replica firearms must be out of sight inside the vehicle, and the vehicle must be locked.

## For more information

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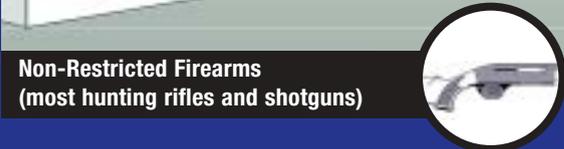
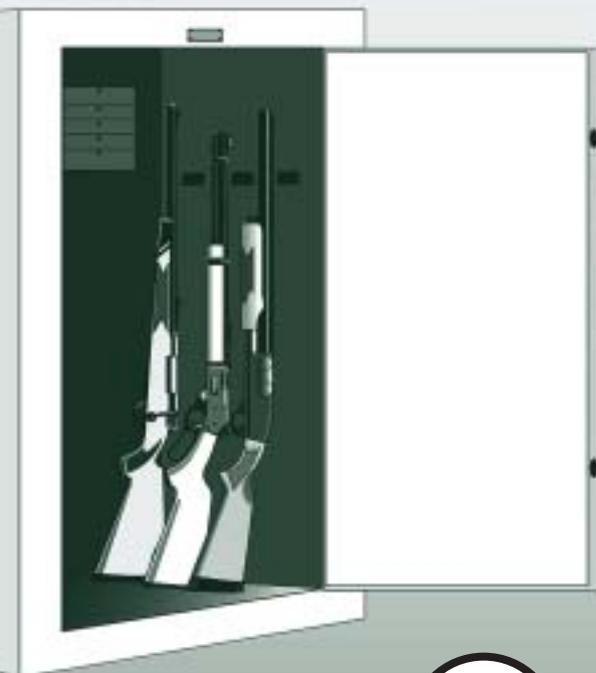




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### Non-Restricted Firearms



Non-Restricted Firearms (most hunting rifles and shotguns)

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The firearm must be **unloaded, and**

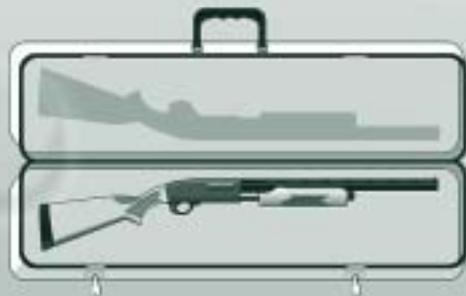
**Either:**

1. Make the firearm **inoperable**
  - a) by using a **secure locking device** such as a trigger lock or cable lock, **or**
  - b) by removing the bolt or bolt-carrier,



**OR**

2. **Lock** the firearm in a sturdy, secure container or room that cannot easily be broken open or into.



Keep the **ammunition** separate, unless it is in a securely locked container. It can be kept in the same locked container as the firearm.

#### Exceptions

In areas where it is legal to fire a gun, a non-restricted firearm needed to **control animal predators** can temporarily be kept handy and unlocked:

- The firearm must be **unloaded**
- **Ammunition** must be kept separate.

In a **remote wilderness area**, non-restricted firearms can be kept handy and unlocked. They must be **unloaded**, but the ammunition can be kept handy.

# Safe Transport

- The firearm must be **unloaded**, unless it is a muzzle-loading firearm being transported between hunting sites. In that case, its flint or firing-cap must be removed.

#### If left in an unattended vehicle:

*(if no adult or minor with a minor's licence stays with the firearm)*

- **Lock** the firearm in the trunk of the vehicle or in a similar compartment.
- If the vehicle does not have a trunk or similar lockable compartment, put your firearm out of sight inside the vehicle, and lock the vehicle.
- **In a remote wilderness area**, if the vehicle has no trunk or similar compartment that can be locked:
  - Put a secure locking device on the firearm (unless you need the firearm for predator control), **and**
  - Put the firearm out of sight.

# Safe Display

The firearm must be **unloaded, and**

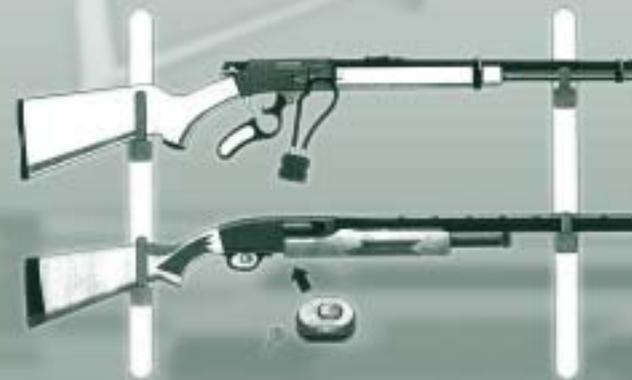
**Either:**

1. Make the firearm **inoperable** by using a **secure locking device** such as a trigger lock or cable lock,

**OR**

2. **Lock** the firearm in a sturdy, secure container or room that cannot easily be broken open or into, **and**

Do not display the **ammunition** with the firearm. Keep it away from the firearm, in a place where it is not easy to obtain.



# Safe Storage, Display and Transportation of Antique Firearms

**Antique firearms\*** must be **unloaded** for storage, display and transportation.

During transport, **antique handguns** must be locked in a heavy-duty container that you cannot see through and that cannot easily break open during transport.

#### If leaving an antique firearm in an unattended vehicle:

*(if no adult or minor with a minor's licence stays with the firearm)*

- **Lock** it in the trunk or a similar lockable compartment.
- If the vehicle does not have a trunk or compartment that can be locked, put it out of sight inside the vehicle and lock the vehicle.

**\*Note:** Not all old firearms are classified as antiques. For the purposes of the *Firearms Act* and regulations, antique firearms include:

- firearms manufactured before 1898 that were not designed or re-designed to discharge rim-fire or centre-fire ammunition, or
- firearms prescribed as antique firearms in the *Criminal Code* regulations.

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