



Transporting Firearms and Ammunition

This document describes the requirements for transporting firearms and ammunition.

Anyone in possession of a firearm in South Australia must comply with the Code of Practice for the Security, Storage and Transport of Firearm, Ammunition and Related Items set out in Schedule 1 of the Firearms Regulations 2017.

Obligation

You must take all reasonable precautions to prevent your firearm(s) from becoming lost, stolen or falling into the possession of an unauthorised person.

Transportation

Transportation is the movement of the firearm in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft.

Firearms must not be loaded during transport or in storage.

You must not transport a firearm while a round of ammunition is in the breech, barrel chamber or magazine, unless:

- The ammunition cannot be removed because of a malfunction of the firearm or
- A primary producer exemption applies.

Security of Firearms Or Ammunition

Firearms and ammunition must be secured in a securely fixed internal or external lockable compartment of the transport used. This may be a locked boot, glove box, cupboard or other compartment.

Where the transport has more than one lockable compartment, the firearms and ammunition must be secured separately.

The firearms and ammunition must be covered, concealed and out of sight when being transported.

The compartments and concealing items must not be marked to identify the firearms or ammunition.

Firearms must not be left unattended.

Firearms must not be left unattended when being transported. If there is a reasonable excuse to leave the transport, the transport must be securely locked and not left unattended for longer than reasonably necessary.



Commercial Transport Operators

The person commercially transporting firearms and ammunition (the person in possession) holds the same responsibility as any licensee, that is, to take all reasonable precaution to prevent the firearm or ammunition from being lost or stolen or coming into the possession of an unauthorised person.

Firearms and ammunition may only be transported commercially when –

- The firearm and ammunition owner is in the same transport or
- The firearm and ammunition are locked in separate compartments or
- It is in a manner approved by the Registrar

As above, the firearms and ammunition must be concealed and out of sight and the containers must not be marked to identify the contents as firearms or ammunition.

Legislation

Schedule 1 – Code of Practice for the Security, Storage and Transport of Firearms, Ammunition and Related Items - Firearms Regulations 2017.

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