



## **Storage of Firearms – 20 - 34 Firearms (less than 30 Category H)**

### **This document describes the requirements for storing**

- 20 to 34 A, B, C or D firearms, that may include up to 29 Category H firearms
- Where there are no other kind of firearm kept at the premises
- The firearms are stored at licensee's residential premises or  
The licensee's business premises where the firearms are for the business

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.

### **Storage Location**

You must store your firearm(s) at your principal place of residence, or if you possess your firearm(s) for the purpose of your business, at your principal place of business.

**Under the main roof** means within the enclosed structure of the building that is the place of residence or business.

An **outbuilding** is a building other than the main building at the premises, including a shed or garage (excluding a fully enclosed garage under the main roof) that must:

- Be affixed to the land
- Be a fully enclosed in a building that is structurally sound
- Have a door or point of entry capable of being securely locked

Firearms may only be stored at other locations if approved by the Registrar in writing.

### **Establishing the number of firearms**

The total number of firearms stored at the premises determines the security storage requirements.

If you are the only person with ten firearms at the premises, the total is ten.

If you have your ten and another person stores eleven, the total is 21. This changes the requirements for storage.



## Shared Storage

Persons permanently residing at the same premises or occupying the same business premises may store firearms in the same safe, provided the firearms are stored separately inside that safe with a device preventing unauthorised access, removal or possession by the other person.

Any persons wanting to share a safe must notify the Registrar of the manner and location this is occurring.

## While In Storage

A person must not store a firearm while loaded.

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- The firearm holdings must not exceed 29 Category H firearms.
- The firearms must be stored in a level two safe.
- The level two safe must be in the main building or outbuilding of the premises.
- The premises must be installed with either –
  - A CCTV system that is activated and operating at any time the premises are unoccupied in order to detect and record any unauthorised entry to the structure
  - or
  - An intruder alarm system that is activated and operating at any time the premises are unoccupied in order to detect any unauthorised entry of the area in which the firearm is kept or the unauthorised interference with a firearm by either
    - An externally visible alarm warning light and loud audible alarm
    - or
    - A remote alarm monitored by a private security company approved by the Registrar

## Level Two Safe

- The body and door must be made of steel
- That steel must be at least 3mm thick
- The safe door must be recessed or flush fitted
- The door must have either:
  - A three point locking system activated by
    - An internal key or
    - Electronic lock or
    - Pin combination or
    - Biometric fingerprint scanner
  - or
  - An external lock
    - with a body at least 40mm wide and a hardened steel shackle and
    - fitted with a cover to prevent the lock from being cut, removed, breached or otherwise tampered with
- All firearm storage safes must either -
  - Weigh 150 kg when empty



- or
- Be bolted to a solid fixture of the building; that is, a solid concrete, brick, metal or timber floor, wall or other permanent internal structure of the building
- It must be bolted in at least two anchor points

### **Key and Access Security**

You must take all reasonable precautions to prevent your safe key, safe key car or safe key code from being lost, stolen or accessed by unauthorised persons.

### **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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