

The Secure Storage of Firearms Guidance from New Zealand Police

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What we will cover

- Regulatory Context
- Assessment of security
- What security is acceptable for 'A' Category firearms.
- Where you can find more information.

Regulatory Context

All firearms licence holders are subject to conditions that require the safe and secure storage of their firearms. There are additional conditions that apply to endorsement holders in relation to pistols, restricted weapons and prohibited firearms.

- The purposes of the Arms Act 1983 (the Act) include promotion of the safe use and control of firearms and other weapons. Secure firearms storage is an important tool in delivering these objectives by protecting against the risk of harm caused by theft and criminal use of firearms and ensuring young children do not have ready access to the firearms.
- Every firearms licence holder is subject to the conditions relating to security precautions set out in Regulation 19 of the Arms Regulations 1992 (the Regulations).
- It is also a condition of every endorsement holder in respect of a pistol, MSSA or restricted weapon that they observe the more stringent security precautions in Regulation 28.
- Sections 32 and 33A of the Act.

How is the security assessed?

Police approval of an individual's security arrangements is decided on a case-by-case basis following inspection.

- A member of Police will arrange a mutually convenient time to review your firearms security if:
- You have applied for a firearms licence (including if you have previously held a firearms licence).
- You have applied for an endorsement to possess a pistol, Prohibited or restricted weapon.
- You are already the holder of a firearms licence and have notified Police that you have changed address.
- The inspecting member of Police will discuss any weaknesses identified in your firearms security and provide options for improvement and, if necessary, arrange a time to do a follow up inspection.

What is the minimum required for a single firearm?



Cabinets



Note: These cabinets are shown for examples of construction only. They would need to be appropriately secured to the premises.

Where do I find out more?

<https://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/firearms-secure-storage-guidance.pdf>

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Questions?

