

# STORAGE, DISPLAY, TRANSPORTATION and HANDLING of FIREARMS by INDIVIDUALS REGULATIONS

## Non-Restricted

### STORAGE of NON-RESTRICTED FIREARMS

1. Firearm must be **unloaded** (incl. antiques).
2. Make firearm inoperable with a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock; **OR Remove** the bolt or bolt carrier; **OR Lock** firearm in a sturdy, secure container/room that cannot easily be broken open/into.
3. **Ammunition** for the firearm **must** be kept separate from and not accessible to the firearm; **OR**  
In the same locked container as the firearm.

### DISPLAY of NON-RESTRICTED FIREARMS

1. Firearm must be **unloaded** (incl. antiques).
2. Make firearm inoperable with a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock; **OR Lock** firearm in a sturdy, secure container/room that cannot easily be broken open/into.
3. **Ammunition** for the firearm **must not** be displayed with **nor** accessible to the displayed firearm.

### TRANSPORTATION of NON-RESTRICTED FIREARMS

1. Firearm must be **unloaded** (incl. antiques).
2. **If left in an unattended vehicle** (no adult or minor with a minor's licence stays with the firearm), firearm (incl. antiques) **must** be locked in trunk/similar compartment of vehicle; **OR**  
**If vehicle does not have trunk/similar compartment**, firearm (incl. antiques) **must** be out of sight inside the locked vehicle.

## Restricted/Prohibited

### STORAGE of RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED FIREARMS

1. Firearm must be **unloaded** (incl. antiques).
2. Make firearm inoperable with a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock; **AND Remove** the bolt or bolt carrier from an automatic firearm (if removable) and lock it in a separate room that cannot easily be broken open/into; **AND Lock** the firearm in a sturdy, secure container/room that cannot easily be broken open/into.  
**OR**  
**Lock** the firearm in a vault/safe/room that was built or adapted for storing these types of firearms.

3. **Ammunition** for the firearm **must** be kept separate from and not accessible to the firearm; **OR**  
In same locked container/vault/safe/room as the firearm.

### DISPLAY of RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED FIREARMS

1. Firearm must be **unloaded** (incl. antiques).
2. Make firearm inoperable with a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock; **AND Remove** the bolt or bolt carrier from an automatic firearm (if removable) and lock it in a separate room that cannot easily be broken open/into; **AND In a dwelling-house**, securely attach all firearms to something that cannot be moved; **AND In a place other than a dwelling-house**, securely attach all firearms to the display with something strong, like a chain or metal cable. A firearm can be handled under the direct and immediate supervision of person displaying it.

3. **Ammunition must not** be displayed with **nor** accessible to the displayed firearm. **In a place other than a dwelling-house**, keep ammunition in a securely locked container that cannot easily be broken open/into.

### TRANSPORTATION of RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED FIREARMS

1. Firearm must be **unloaded** (incl. antiques).
2. Make firearm inoperable with a **secure locking device**, such as a trigger lock; **AND Remove** the bolt or bolt carrier from an automatic firearm (if removable); **AND Lock** firearm in a sturdy, opaque container that cannot easily be broken open/into, or accidentally opened during transportation.  
**If left in an unattended vehicle** (no adult or minor with a minor's licence stays with the firearm), firearm **must** be locked in trunk/similar compartment of vehicle; **OR**  
**If vehicle does not have trunk/similar compartment**, firearm **must** be out of sight inside the locked vehicle.

#### NOTES:

- **Antique handguns** do not require a secure locking device. All other transportation provisions apply.
- An **Authorization to Transport** issued by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) is required to transport restricted and prohibited firearms.
- **Replica firearms** must be locked in trunk/similar compartment of vehicle **OR** if vehicle does not have trunk/similar compartment, replica must be out of sight inside the locked vehicle.

## EXCEPTIONS TO STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS OF NON-RESTRICTED FIREARMS:

- In areas where it is legal to fire a gun, a non-restricted firearm needed to **control predators** can temporarily be unlocked, but must be **unloaded**, and **ammunition kept separate** and not accessible to firearm.
- **In a remote wilderness area**, a non-restricted firearm can be kept handy and unlocked, but it must be **unloaded**. Ammunition can be kept handy. If left in an **unattended vehicle** that has no trunk/similar compartment that can be locked, the firearm must be rendered inoperable by a **secure locking device** (unless for predator control) **and kept out of sight**.
- A **muzzle-loading firearm** transported between hunting sites does not have to be unloaded, as long as its **flint or firing-cap is removed**.

**This is not a legal text.** It is intended to provide general information only. For detailed information, consult the Police Officer Field Handbook or the Firearms Officer Desk Manual. For legal references and exceptions, refer to the *Firearms Act* and its Regulations. Please note that other federal, provincial/territorial, or municipal laws or regulations may apply. Members of the public can obtain plain language pamphlets by calling 1 800 731-4000. 11/2001