

Travelling with firearms in motor vehicles.

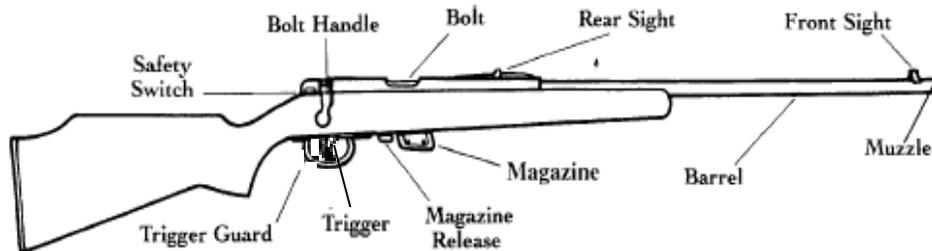
Where-

- (a) a firearm is being conveyed in a motor vehicle; and
- (b) the motor vehicle is left unattended at a place away from where the firearm is normally stored or secured,

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- (c) the firearm is to be placed in the boot, the cargo carrying area or some other lockable compartment of the vehicle or is to be secured by means of a firearm securing device;
- (d) the firearm is to be completely hidden from open view;
- (e) ammunition for the firearm is to be placed in a lockable compartment of the vehicle (other than the compartment in which the firearm is placed) or in a locked container secured in or on the vehicle; and
- (f) the person in charge of the vehicle must take all reasonable steps to ensure that, while the vehicle remains unattended, the firearm-
 - (i) is kept safely in the vehicle;
 - (ii) is not stolen or removed from the vehicle; and
 - (iii) does not come into the possession of a person who is not licenced to be in possession of the firearm

**NOTE – YOU SHOULD
BE ABLE TO NAME THE COMMON PARTS OF A
FIREARM**



STORAGE AND SAFEKEEPING OF FIREARMS

The storage and safekeeping of firearms is every firearm owner's responsibility. This is reflected in the requirements under the *Firearms Act and Regulations* that detail how firearms are to be stored, the specifications of storage cabinets and safes, and storage requirements when carrying firearms in motor vehicles.

When firearms are not actually being used or carried they must be stored in a locked receptacle that complies with the firearms act and regulations.

Ammunition for firearms must be stored in a locked container that is kept separate from the safe or other receptacle containing the firearms.

Specifications for Category A and B firearm cabinets.

If the receptacle weighs less than 150kg when empty, it must be fixed to a wall or floor in a manner that prevents its easy removal.

1. The sides and door are to be constructed of solid steel-
 - (a) that has a minimum thickness of 3mm; or
 - (b) that has a minimum thickness of 2mm if the method of construction used ensures rigidity or additional reinforcing to prevent distortion has been included.
2. All edges are to be rolled or folded.
3. The door is to be recessed or flush fitted and is to be sized to prevent leverage points.
4. All hinges are to be secured so that the door cannot be detached by removing the pins, internal or trap-type hinges being preferred.
5. There are at least 2 bolt-down points.
6. There is to be one locking point.
7. There is to be sufficient reinforcing to prevent distortion of the door if a forced entry were to be attempted.
8. If a padlock is used, it is to be covered so as to prevent the lock being cut or broken off.

Specifications for Category C, D and H firearm safes.

1. The safe or other receptacle is to be constructed of solid steel-
 - (a) that has a minimum thickness of 6mm in the sides and the door, or
 - (b) that, subject to inspection and approval by the Commissioner, has minimum thicknesses of 3mm in the sides and 6mm in the door.
2. All hinges are to be non-removable and are to be constructed in the same manner as safe-style hinges.
3. Locks are to be internal and may be combination locks, key locks or electronic locks or a mixture of 2 or more of those kinds of locks.
4. A safe or other receptacle for the storage of category C or D firearms is to have at least 2 locks.
5. A safe or other receptacle for the storage of category H firearms is to have-
 - (a) at least on lock; or
 - (b) if the swinging edge is greater than 500mm – at least 2 locks.
6. Alternatively, category H firearms may be stored in a compartment inside a receptacle that complies with the requirements specified in Schedule 2 (a "Schedule 2 receptacle") if the compartment-
 - (a) is a separate box inside the Schedule 2 receptacle;
 - (b) has a thickness of solid steel that is at least equal to the thickness of the steel in the Schedule 2 receptacle;
 - (c) can only be accessed if the door to the Schedule 2 receptacle is opened first; and
 - (d) is designed so that, in combination with the Schedule 2 receptacle, it provides a double thickness of steel on all sides.
7. Ammunitions for firearms must be stored in a locked container that is kept separate from the receptacle containing the firearms.