



Access and Storage

As a firearms licence holder you are responsible for controlling who has access to your firearms. You must keep the keys to your firearms and ammunition stored in a secure, separate place.

Storing firearms with other licence holders

If there are concerns about access, you may consider storing your firearms with a trusted friend or family member who is a firearms licence holder and has the required licence and/or endorsements and permits for the items.



Scan for more info, or visit:
[firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/
storage-transportation](https://firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/storage-transportation)

Contacts

If there is an immediate danger to people or property:

Phone 111

More firearms information on the
Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority
website:

firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz



If you have concerns regarding your own or someone else's health and safety around firearms, please seek advice.

More health resources available at
Healthify:

healthify.nz/care-and-support



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Firearms Safety Authority

Health and Firearms





As a firearms licence holder you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those around you when in the presence of firearms. To achieve this, you must be aware of your own health, both physical and mental.

It is important to keep yourself healthy and in the right head space so you can continue to enjoy firearms related activities. Health conditions can appear at any time and may not be obvious. Experiencing difficulties with your health or seeking support from a health practitioner does not mean you'll automatically lose your firearms licence.

If you or someone you care about is struggling with physical or mental health, we encourage you to have a conversation, act early and seek help from a health practitioner.

Being Proactive

Keeping healthy

It is important to be in the right headspace to possess and use firearms.

We encourage firearms licence holders to seek help from a health practitioner if needed to keep themselves and others safe.

Make a plan

It's a good idea to make arrangements for the safe keeping or disposal of firearms in the event of physical or mental health condition or injury. This plan can be among your friends and whānau or shooting/hunting club.

You can update your will or enduring power of attorney documents to include instructions regarding wishes for your firearms and inform your next of kin of these plans.

Surrender a firearms licence

If you think your health might be impacting on your ability to safely use a firearm, you might consider surrendering your firearms licence. This can be done at any time, for any reason - even if you just don't need a licence any more.

» To surrender a licence:

» Give your firearms and/or other arms items to a person who holds the correct licence and/or endorsement for safe keeping and contact the Firearms Safety Authority.

or

» Contact the Firearms Safety Authority to discuss surrendering.

Remember, if you surrender your licence you cannot possess firearms, other arms items and/or ammunition, but you can still shoot under the supervision of a firearms licence holder. Someone who has surrendered their licence can re-apply for a licence at any point.

Unwanted firearms

If you're in possession of unwanted or illegally held firearms, there are different options for lawful disposal. Find more information on our website: firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/manage-and-apply/disposal-illegally-held-or-unwanted-firearms

If Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority is reviewing a licence, what could happen?

If we receive information about a licence holder's fit and proper status, or concerns for people who may have access to firearms (i.e. household members), a firearms licence may be reviewed. The outcomes of a review could be:

- » No further action taken
- » Seek more information
- » Temporary licence suspension pending possible revocation
- » Prescribed conditions added to a licence.

If your licence is suspended, you will be notified, and Police will visit you to issue a Notice of Temporary Suspension.

This notice will explain the reason for suspension and next steps. You then have time to gather and submit information (e.g. providing a medical certificate) before a decision is made about revocation. Our team always works on a case-by-case basis to achieve the best outcome.



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firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing