



Secure Storage of Firearms and Ammunition

All firearms licence holders must have secure storage for firearms and ammunition at their place of residence. This is a requirement even if firearms or ammunition are not stored there.

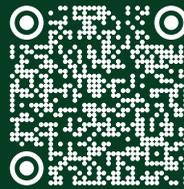
This storage must:

- (a) ensure that children and other unauthorised people do not have access to the firearms and ammunition
- (b) ensure that firearms are stored separately from ammunition
- (c) prevent the opportunistic theft of the firearms or ammunition.



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1
UNLOAD



Keep firearms unloaded and securely locked away.

2
SECURE



Away from where children or unauthorised people can access.

3
LOCK AWAY



Ammunition secured separately, locked away from firearms.

4
SEPARATE



Ammunition and firearms keys stored separately.

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FIREARMS SAFE

Te Tari Pūreke – Firearms Safety Authority recommends the use of a commercially manufactured steel safe for the storage of non-prohibited firearms, such as rifles and shotguns. A properly installed safe is a secure and convenient way to safely store firearms when they are not being used.

A firearm safe should:

- be suitably constructed with steel walls and a door made of 3mm thick steel, or be of equivalent braced strength
- have a suitable locking system
- be secured to two surfaces of the building with fixtures of at least 6mm diameter x 75mm long with at least 50mm of thread into a suitable surface like a wall stud or floor beam
- be installed in a location out of sight of external windows or visitors to the home.

FIREARMS RACK

A lockable steel firearm rack can be a suitable and cost-effective way to secure one firearm.

A firearm storage rack should:

- be steel or a material of equivalent strength
- be secured to the building with fixtures of 6mm x 75mm long, with at least 50mm of thread into the support such as a wall stud or ceiling rafter
- be installed in a location hidden from sight such as a ceiling space or wardrobe
- have firearms made inoperable when possible, such as by removing the bolt.

AMMUNITION

All ammunition must be stored in its own locked storage container separate from firearms. This is so that if unauthorised people gain access to a firearm, they will not be able to easily access ammunition.

Ammunition can be secured in:

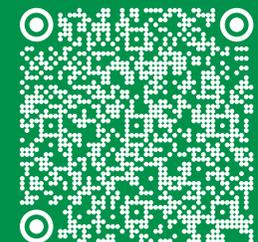
- a lockable ammunition compartment that is fixed within a firearm safe
- a lockable cabinet or stout cupboard
- a locked cashbox or locked ammunition box hidden away or locked away from the firearms storage.

KEYS AND ACCESS CODES

The keys and access codes to the firearms storage must be different from those for the ammunition storage and must only be accessible by approved firearms licence holders.

Keys to access firearms and ammunition must be:

- stored separately from one another
- either concealed or secured in a key lockbox away from the firearms storage
- stored in a location with access only by approved firearms licence holders.



Note: Firearms which require an endorsement like pistols or prohibited firearms require a higher level of secure storage. For full guidance on the options for secure storage and transportation of firearms and ammunition use this QR code to see the detailed guide on our website.