

# FIREARMS SAFETY is Everyone's Concern

Storing and  
Transporting  
your Hunting  
Rifles and  
Shotguns

Firearms must always be stored and transported safely. Here are the minimum requirements for storing and transporting your non-restricted firearms.

- Your firearms must be stored unloaded.
- Your firearms must also be locked up or made unable to be fired unless you are in a remote wilderness area where hunting is allowed. You must either:
  - use a secure locking device such as a cable lock or trigger lock,
  - remove the bolt or bolt carrier, or
  - lock your firearms in a secure container, cabinet or room that cannot easily be broken into. If the firearms are locked in a secure container, cabinet or room, the ammunition can be stored with them. Otherwise, the ammunition must be kept separate.
- Your firearms must be unloaded for transportation unless they are muzzle-loaders being transported between hunting sites, and their firing cap or flint has been removed.
- As a rule, firearms left in an unattended vehicle must be locked in the trunk or in a similar lockable compartment. If the vehicle does not have a trunk or similar compartment, the firearms must be out of sight inside the locked vehicle.
- If you are in a remote wilderness area and cannot lock your firearms in your boat, snowmobile or ATV, the firearms must be covered up. You must also put a secure locking device such as a cable lock or trigger lock on the firearms unless you need quick access to the firearms for temporary predator control.

### Three Things All Firearms Owners Need to Know about the Firearms Act.

1. You need a valid Canadian firearms licence to own, borrow, acquire or store a firearm and to acquire ammunition.
2. You need a registration certificate for each firearm in your possession. If you borrow a firearm, borrow the registration certificate too.
3. You must store and transport your firearms safely, as set out in the Firearms Act Regulations.

If you have not yet obtained a licence or registration certificate(s), apply as soon as possible to bring yourself into compliance with the law.

If you are a non-resident, a "Non-resident Firearms Declaration" that has been confirmed by a Canada Customs officer acts as a temporary licence and registration certificate.

**This fact sheet is intended to provide general information. Provincial, territorial and municipal laws, regulations and policies may also apply.**



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