

How to store your weapon

Secure storage requirements vary depending on the number, types and categories of weapons being stored.

There are different storage requirements for weapons registered to a [Dealer's Licence](#), [Armourer's licence](#), [Theatrical Ordnance Supplier's Licence and Security Licence \(Organisation\)](#).

	Number of weapons	Weapon categories	Required weapon state	Required storage facility
1	30 or fewer (or any number of weapons for a Miscellaneous licence)	A, B, C, E & M	Unloaded, with the bolt removed or the action broken	In a locked container constructed of solid steel or solid timber, and securely fixed to the frame or floor of a permanent building if the container weighs less than 150kg. Container must be kept locked with a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock.
2	30 or fewer (For a collector's licence, only permanently inoperable Category H. See row 4 for temporarily inoperable Category H weapons, regardless of number)	D, H & R	Unloaded, with the bolt removed or the action broken	In a solid steel container, bolted to the frame or floor of a permanent building. Container must be kept locked with a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock.
3	More than 30	A, B & C	Unloaded, with the bolt removed or the action broken	Either: In a locked container (as per requirements in row 1), or a locked gun rack, in a locked storeroom; or In a locked vault.
4	More than 30 (For a collector's licence, also for temporarily inoperable category H weapons regardless of number)	D, H & R	Unloaded, with the bolt removed or the action broken	Either: In a locked container (as per requirements in row 2), or a locked gun rack, in a locked storeroom; or In a locked vault.

Definitions

Gun Rack - A gun rack must have sturdy metal bars, grills or chains, to secure the weapons, locked in place by a sturdy keyed lock or keyed padlock. The gun rack must be fixed to the premises by welding or hardened steel bolts at least 10mm in diameter and no more than 10 weapons may be kept in the gun rack. Section 42 of the [Weapons Regulation 1996](#) provides further details on requirements for a gun rack.

Storeroom - must be a permanent building or be a part of a permanent building. Each external wall of the storeroom must be made of brick, concrete or solid timber. Section 41 of the [Weapons Regulation 1996](#) provides further details on requirements for a storeroom.

Vault - A vault must be made of concrete or concrete blocks filled with concrete. The vault door must be made of steel and have steel door jambs, a built in deadlock or combination lock and have hinges that are welded to the door and door jamb. Section 37 of the [Weapons Regulation 1996](#) provides further details on requirements for a vault.

Container - A container for a Category D, H or R weapon must be made of solid steel and be bolted to the frame or floor of a permanent building. For another category of weapon the container must be made of solid steel or solid timber and if it weighs less than 150kg must be securely fixed to the frame or floor of a permanent building. The container must have a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock and must always be locked.