



**NZDA**  
New Zealand Deerstalkers Association

**FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION  
STORAGE AND TRANSPORT**

**Practical Manual for NZDA Branches and  
Members to the Arms Amendment  
Regulations 2021**

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## INTRODUCTION

This document is a practical manual for NZDA branches and members on the **Arms Amendment Regulations 2021**.

This manual should can be read in combination with the detailed Reference Guide. This manual expands on the “to-do list” within the reference guide and includes examples on what we recommend members should use for storage of firearms and ammunition at home and on the road.

The **manual is not law** and has not been prepared in conjunction with, or endorsed by, NZ Police. It is our initial practical interpretation of the regulations and is designed to support branches and members when applying the new regulation.

For further guidance please refer to the Police Firearms and Safety website [here](#). *Be aware this has not been updated yet but remains the guidance from NZ Police.*

For specific concerns relating to the amended regulations please contact NZ Police. Your local Firearms offices and contact details can be found following this [link](#).

We will advise you once Police updates its website and provides an official Police guide. We received correspondence from Police advising it will be a “number of weeks” before they release their official guidance.

You can view the **regulations** [here](#) or download a copy [here](#).

## 1. CHOOSING YOUR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION STORAGE

### Remember, your firearms must be:

1. In a location a young child could not access it;
2. **Secured** against theft;
3. Stored in one of the following which is **securely fixed** to the premises:
  - a. A **lockable** cabinet or receptacle of stout construction;
  - b. A **lockable** steel and concrete strong room;
  - c. A **lockable** display cabinet or rack in which the firearm is immobilised so that it cannot be fired.

### Your ammunition must be:

1. In **separate** storage to your firearms; and
2. In a **secure** container with a **locking mechanism**.

When choosing your firearms and ammunition storage, it is now required that they be separate. Please see the list below for our recommended options for firearms storage listed in green

We have included two options marked in red which are no longer acceptable storage methods.

<i><b>Description</b></i>
<p>A secure strong room for firearms.                      A safe in that strong room for ammunition.                      The keys to the strong room and safe stored separately or on your person at all times.</p>
<p>A firearms safe affixed to your premises for firearms.                      An ammunition safe built-into your firearms safe.                      The keys to the firearms safe and ammunition safe stored separately or on your person at all times.</p>
<p>A firearms safe affixed to your premises for firearms.                      A cash-box or locked steel box for ammunition stored inside your firearms safe.                      The keys to safe and cash-box stored separately or on your person at all times.</p>
<p>A lockable display cabinet or rack for firearms with your firearms immobilised with a trigger lock.                      A cash-box or locked steel box for ammunition stored outside of your display cabinet and out of reach of young children (e.g. inside a cupboard)</p>

The keys to the display cabinet and cash-box stored separately or on your person at all times.

A single firearms safe for both your firearms and ammunition.  
Your bolt stored separately in a locked drawer.

A firearms safe for your firearms.  
A separate safe for your ammunition.  
The keys to both safes being stored in the same drawer at home.

## 2. CHOOSING YOUR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION TRANSPORT

**Remember**, when on a public road or access way, including tracks, **your firearms must be:**

1. **Concealed** from view;
2. Made **inoperable if readily possible** or if not possible, firearms must be fitted with **a trigger lock** or travel in **a locked case or carry bag**.
3. **Unloaded**, with no ammunition in the breech, chamber or magazine.

**Your ammunition must be:**

1. **Concealed** from view.
2. **Locked** in a glove box or similar and be **separate** from firearms.

When choosing your firearms and ammunition transport, it is now required that they be **concealed from view and made inoperable**. Please see the list below for options for firearms transport listed in green.

We have included two options marked in red which are no longer acceptable transport methods.

<i><b>Description</b></i>
Firearm in a locked case in the boot of the car, under a boot cover. The bolt of the firearm in the driver's pocket. Ammunition transported in a locked cash-box under the back seat of the car.
Firearm under a blanket on the back seats. The bolt of the firearm in the driver's pocket. Ammunition transported in a locked glove box.
Firearm in a locked travel-case with a trigger-lock on the back seats. Ammunition in a locked cash-box under the back seats.
Firearm stored in back seat Bolt in driver's pocket Ammunition in an unlocked tool box on the back seats.
Firearm stored in the boot with no cover with a trigger lock. Ammunition stored in a cash box next to the firearm.