



Security arrangements for firearms and related things in transit

Section 307 Firearms Act 2024 – Security arrangements for firearms and related things in transit.

- (1) A person in possession of a firearm or related thing that is in transit and not in use must comply with the following requirements:
- a) A firearm must not be loaded;
 - b) A firearm must be secured against unauthorised use by a means prescribed by the regulations, such as using a trigger or action lock, or removing a bolt, firing pin or major firearm part;
 - c) When a firearm or related thing is not in the person's immediate possession it must be stored in a location that is the best location for ensuring its safekeeping that is reasonably available to the person.

Section 308 Firearms Act 2024 – Security arrangements for firearms and related things in transit in a vehicle.

- (1) When a firearm or related thing is in transit in a vehicle and not in use, the following requirements apply. These requirements are in addition to section 307 above.
- a) A firearm or related thing must be in a place in the vehicle that is the best place for ensuring its safekeeping that is reasonably available;
 - b) A firearm must be kept separate from any related thing in the vehicle;
 - c) The vehicle must not be left unattended unless the vehicle is securely locked and any firearm or related thing is not visible from outside the vehicle.

Regulation 286 Firearms Regulations 2024 – Requirements for firearms and related things in transit.

- (1) For the purposes of section 307(1)(b) of the Act, the requirements are that:
- a) The firearm is rendered temporarily inoperable, including, for example by:
 - (i) Using a trigger or action lock; **or**
 - (ii) Removing a bolt, firing pin or major firearm part from the firearm; **and**
 - b) If paragraph (a)(i) applies and the lock uses a key or code and the key or code is or will be in transit with the firearm – the key or code is in transit in a different package to the firearm; **and**

c) If paragraph (a)(ii) applies and the removed bolt, pin or part is or will be in transit with the firearm – the removed bolt, pin or part is in transit in a different package to the firearm.

(2) For the purposes of section 307(1)(e) of the Act, the requirements that a person in possession of a firearm and ammunition for the firearm that are in transit and not in use must comply with are that the person must ensure that the firearm and ammunition are not in transit in the same firearm repository unless:

- The ammunition is in transit in a locked compartment within the repository that is separated from where the firearm is in transit; **and**
- The compartment is securely fixed to the repository so that it cannot be easily removed.
- For the purposes of section 308(1)(d) of the Act, a firearm in transit in a vehicle that is a motorcycle (as defined in the *Road Traffic Act 1974* section 49AAA) must be in transit in a locked hard case that is designed for transporting firearms on motorcycles.

Real world scenarios

Scenario 1:

You are travelling between paddocks and have your firearm in the vehicle.

Action required: The firearm must be unloaded but can remain in your immediate possession.

Scenario 2:

Leaving a firearm temporarily unattended in a vehicle.

Actions required:

- The vehicle must be locked.
- The firearm must be made temporarily inoperable. For example, using a trigger or action lock, or removing a bolt, firing pin or major firearm part.
- Any firearm or related thing must not be visible from outside the vehicle.
- Ammunition and/or major firearm parts must be stored securely and separate to the firearm. For example, in a locked glove box.

Scenario 3:

Staying overnight while hunting or travelling.

Actions required:

- The firearms must be stored in a location that is the best location for ensuring its safekeeping that is reasonably available. For example, locked in a motel room or in a vehicle using the methods above in scenario 2.

Vehicle storage examples

Hard Case Storage: A lockable hard case, bolted to the floor of the vehicle tub or back seat area.

Gun Bag Option: A lockable gun bag secured with a padlock to the seat base or anchor points.

Tool Chest Setup: A heavy-duty lockable tool chest secured in the tray of a Ute, meeting attachment and locking requirements.