

FIREARMS TRANSPORTATION

When firearms are being carried in a vehicle, to or from an event, the following points should be considered. Remember that under the [Firearms Rules 1998](#) the licence holder is responsible for ensuring that the firearm is stored securely so as to prevent, as far as reasonably practicable, unauthorised access.

- Any firearm should be hidden out of sight, ideally in the boot of the car. If the transport of firearms takes place on a regular basis, then consideration should be given to fitting an alarm and/or immobiliser if they have not already been fitted.
- Vehicles should not be left unattended for any length of time. If you do have to, then try and park the vehicle in a way that would frustrate efforts to gain access (e.g. with the boot against a wall or, if a number of vehicles are travelling together, box the car in so the doors and boot are obstructed).
- If the firearms can be broken down into component parts (e.g. the bolt removed from a rifle, or the fore end from a shotgun removed) then they can be stored elsewhere in the vehicle, preferably in a locked box
- Any ammunition or powder should be stored separately from the firearm, and the same considerations given as above.
- Consider using portable security devices, such as security cords.
- In order to not arouse suspicion when loading or unloading your vehicle, the firearm should be concealed preferably in a commercial bag, but at the very least by wrapping in a blanket.

The above considerations should also be taken into account when transporting deactivated or replica firearms and inert ordnance items – remember anyone seeing an item on display will not be aware of whether it is functioning or not. You should also ensure when transporting firearms, particularly replica or deactivated pistols, that they are not readily accessible by anyone in the vehicle.

For further guidance, you may wish to consult with:

[Firearms Law: Guidance to the Police 2016](#)

[Firearms Security Handbook 2019](#)

If you have any queries or questions, in the first instance, you should speak with the Firearms Licensing Section of the Constabulary where you reside. In the second instance, guidance can be obtained from the Firearms Policy section of the Home Office.

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