

Company Policy on Storage of Firearms

The company policy on storage of firearms is that wherever possible and practicable firearms should be stored securely at the owners shooting club.

Where, for whatever reason this is not possible the leaseholder must apply in writing to the residents management company for permission to store a firearm on the premises.

A copy of a valid firearms or shotgun certificate must be supplied with the written application together with a declaration that the firearm will be stored in a gun cabinet in accordance with the British standard for gun cabinets (BS 7558). Under no circumstances should firearms be stored in any communal area of the building.

Any permission granted will automatically lapse upon the expiration of the supplied firearm/shotgun certificate. Permission may also be withdrawn by the company at any time without notice. The company will require the applicant to undertake to indemnify the company to the maximum extent in respect of any costs or losses incurred as a result of the granting of permission.

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Gun cabinets

There is a British standard for gun cabinets (BS 7558). Before you buy a cabinet you should ask the seller to show you a test certificate to confirm the cabinet meets this standard.

It is recommended that a cabinet should have the following features:

- It should be made from sheet steel at least 14 swg (standard wire gauge) (2 mm) thick. All seams should be continuously welded, or the cabinet body formed by bend construction.
- All hinges should be on the inside of the cabinet, but if they are external or exposed, then hinge bolts, blocks or anti-lever bars should be provided.
- Lock mechanisms should be on the inside of the cabinet. The lock should contain at least 5 levers to BS 3621 standard or equivalent. Alternatively, good quality hardened padlocks and staples should be fitted to the cabinet.
- Full-length side hinged cabinets should have two locks at points one third and two-thirds the height of the cabinet.
- The cabinet may contain, or have attached, a separate lockable container to store ammunition.

Installation advice

Any security device should be securely fixed to the fabric of the building.

- For preference it should be in a room or area that does not have direct access to the outside of a building.
- It should not be in a garage, shed or other outside building, except in certain circumstances.
- When considering large or heavy gun cabinets, you should consider the load bearing strength of your floors.
- Wherever possible, it should be fixed to a wall that is built from bricks or concrete blocks or to the floor.
- The container should be out of sight (unless the firearm is held for display purposes). If it is in a corner, it is more difficult for a thief to attack it.
- You should avoid fixing the container near any heat source.